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WARM WELCOME.

FRATERNITY PARTY IN CANTON.

MR. WANG'S SPEECH.

The S.S. Paul Beau, with the
fraternity party composed of 278
Hongkong Chinese merchants,
arrived at Canton at about four
o'clock on Saturday, and anchored
off Shamen. As the steamer came
up the river, she was met by the
gunboat Chung Shan, which acted
as a guard of honour all the way
to the steamer's anchorage. On
coming to anchor, two launches,
with Staff Officer Ma and seven
other representatives of the
Government, four representatives
of the four Commercial Unions
and two representatives of the
Strike Union, came alongside the
steamer, and the representatives
went on board to extend a wel-
come to the party.

The party was then transported
by the ferry to the official wharf,
where the landing was made at
five o'clock. The wharf was
bedecked with flags and bunting
and profusely decorated with
flowers and greenery. On landing,
the party was received by a mili-
tary band and a guard of honour
composed of four hundred members
of Pickets Corps, armed and in
smart uniforms, as well as forty
armed police and many representa-
tives of the Government, the Kuomintang, the Strike Committee, and
Unions, the gathering numbering
fully five thousand. Photographs
were taken on the wharf.

Then the party, with exception
of twenty who were elected to be
the party's representatives, pro-
ceeded in motor cars to the Great
Eastern, Oriental and Asia Hotels.
The twenty representatives, under
the escort of Staff Officer Ma and
others, proceeded to Government
House to report their arrival. On
arrival there, the representatives
were received by a guard of honour
and a military band and were con-
ducted to the Grand Hall, where
they were received by Messrs.
Wang Ching-wai, C. C. Wu, Chan
Shu-yun and others. After the
usual ceremonies of paying
respects, all retired to the reception
room, where tea and refreshments
were served.

THE RIGHT TERM.

In the course of his speech of
welcome to the party, Mr. Wang
Ching-wai, emphasised that the
word "welcome" was not appro-
priate on such occasion as that,
because the Republic represented
rule of the people, for the people,
by the people, and that the repre-
sentatives were masters and the
officers are servants of the people.
On this special occasion, as
servants of the people, they are
rendering the account of their
stewardship, since the Government
of Kwangtung had been changed
into the National Government. It
was their duty as masters to
inspect and investigate and minute-
ly enquire into the inner workings
of the different Departments of
State, and see for themselves what
has been done within the space of
nine months—the practical unifika-
tion of the Province of Kwangtung,
and the dispersing of all revolu-
tionary elements which had brought
calamities and misery and hard-
ships to every home during the
past thirteen years. In closing his
speech, Mr. Wang said:—"We are
now confronted with the big ques-
tion of how to extirpate brigandage
and how to bring back the mis-
guided bandits and turn their
swords into ploughshares of peace.
In a month's time, the complete
unification of the province will be
effected. It is my earnest hope
that within another two months,
with the co-operation of

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN.

CHINESE GAMBLERS FINED.

At the Central Police Court,
this morning before Mr. R.E. Lind-
sell, thirteen Chinese appeared to
answer a summons of playing a
game of chance. Altogether
seventeen were summoned, but
only thirteen attended. One of
the defendants appeared late, and
he was ordered to leave the Court
and forfeit his bail of \$5 Mr.
Lindsell remarking that he should
have attended to time.

A Chinese police constable said
he entered No. 245 De Voeux
Road west, and on the first floor
he saw the defendants round a
table playing *Pai Kow*. One of
the defendants stated \$2 and won
\$2, and he paid eight cents com-
mission to the banker. He held
two pairs of dominoes, with eight
pins on each pair.

The defendants were fined \$3
or seven days. One of them was
also summoned for keeping a gam-
ing house, as well as gambling,
and he was fined a similar amount
on the latter summons. The first
summons was not proceeded with.

PRODUCING RAIN.

HONGKONG EXPERIMENTS.

Reference to a scheme for pro-
ducing rain from the Peak fog
was made at a meeting of the
Finance Committee of the Legis-
lative Council this morning, on a
vote for \$4,000, described as
"Public Works Extraordinary;
Miscellaneous Works."

The Colonial Secretary, who
was in the chair, explained that
this vote was for experiments in
rain-producing by a Professor of
the University, who hoped, by
means of an electric current to
produce rain from the Peak fog.
The vote was for the cost of the
electric machinery by which it
was hoped to bring about such
desirable results.

Sir Henry Pollock:—Has the
machine been put into operation
yet?
The Colonial Secretary:—No,
I think he will have to wait for
the fog.—(Laughter).
The vote was approved.

FRENCH POLITICS.

AN UNSTABLE SITUATION.

Paris, Dec. 28.
The instability of the political
situation is further reflected by the
election of a Democratic member
of the Left as President of the
Senate Finance Commission, de-
feating M. Clementel, the Demo-
crats official nominee. The group
has called upon M. Lacroix to
resign but he has refused.—*Reuter*.

LAWN TENNIS.

TEST MATCH IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.
The second lawn tennis Test
Match between South Africa and
the British team was drawn with
five matches all.—*Reuter*.

OBITUARY.

Paris, Dec. 28.
The death is announced of M.
Patenotre, a former Ambassador.—
Indopacifi.

peace which is so much needed.
Gentlemen, on behalf of the
National Government, with out-
stretched hands, I tender you a
hearty welcome."
It is reported that the return
of the party may be postponed to
a date later than was originally
fixed, because there are so many

HIGH TRIBUTES.

MR. FLETCHER RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS.

COUNCIL SPEECHES.

Valedictory speeches were made
at this morning's meeting of the
Legislative Council consequent
upon the appointment of the Hon.
Mr. A. C. M. Fletcher, C. M. C.,
C.B.E., to be Colonial Secretary of
Ceylon.

At the conclusion of the ordi-
nary business, His Excellency the
Governor the Hon. (Mr. Cecil
Clementi, C.M.G.), said that as
that was probably the last oc-
casion on which Mr. Fletcher
would act as Colonial Secretary
there, he thought it would be the
unanimous desire of the Council
if he were, on their behalf, to
offer to Mr. Fletcher the congratu-
lations of the Council on his
"well-deserved" promotion to
Ceylon and wish him God-speed
in his new sphere of activities.
The whole of Mr. Fletcher's pub-
lic life had hitherto been
spent in this Colony; he had been
Clerk of Councils since August,
1913; he had repeatedly filled the
office of Colonial Secretary and
was now temporarily acting in
that capacity for the seventh
time. He (His Excellency) had
hoped that the Secretary of State
would have confirmed Mr.
Fletcher's appointment as Colonial
Secretary of Hongkong, for
they could ill afford to lose
him at the present time. His
Excellency knew from personal
experience, however, that Ceylon
had difficulties as great if not
greater than those of Hongkong,
and they would all agree that Sir
Hugh Clifford was very fortunate
in securing Mr. Fletcher as his right
hand man. Mr. Fletcher would
find that all his qualities of re-
source, tact and ability would be
needed, and he certainly pos-
sessed those qualities in very marked
degree. His Excellency proposed
that the Council should enter in
its Minutes a record of its high
appreciation of Mr. Fletcher's
services both to that Council and
to the whole Colony.—(Ap-
plause).

SIR HENRY POLLOCK'S TRIBUTE.

Sir Henry Pollock said that he
and his fellow Unofficial Members
desired to associate themselves
very fully with what His Ex-
cellency had said. It would take a
long time to enumerate the many
important matters with which
Mr. Fletcher had been connected
in the Colonial Secretariat but
he would like to mention a few.
Mr. Fletcher acted during the war
as Secretary of the Military Ser-
vices Commission and subse-
quently as Chairman of the Vital
Requirements Committee of the
Colony. He also did yeoman ser-
vice in regard to fixing the terms
of the transfer of the military
lands to the Government. Al-
though, for reasons well known
to them all, for the time being no
particular action was being taken
on those terms, he was confident
in the future of the Colony and be-
lieved that at no great distant
date they would be able to resume
the latter of military lands re-
sumption when Mr. Fletcher's
untiring services on the subject
would prove to be of great value.
Another important matter was the
hard work Mr. Fletcher put in in
connection with the telephone
agreement which had recently
been entered into. He (Sir
Henry) hoped that now there was
an expert dealing with the sub-
ject of telephones they would
shortly have an improved tele-
phone service in the Colony. It
was not advisable to refer to all
Mr. Fletcher's services in con-
nection with the strike, although
they were well-known. He had
done very excellent service both
in the strike of 1922 and during
the recent strike, and in connec-
tion with both he had performed
extremely valuable work indeed
with regard to the effective main-
tenance of the essential services

RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

THE LATEST OPINIONS.

Paris, Dec. 28.
According to *Le Matin*, French
Boy states that the recent Treaty
with Russia is a peace fact
which should please all true paci-
fists.

"Besides the Mosul question,
we have no conflict of interest with
England, and I am confident that
the affair will be settled paci-
fically."

According to the newspapers in
Constantinople, Mustafa Kemal
will go to Moscow in April
next, to confer with M. Chicherin
on the situation arising from the
recent Russo-Turkish Treaty.—
Indopacifi.

went on to refer to Mr. Fletcher
personally, saying that they had
all very highly valued Mr.
Fletcher's extreme accessibility.
Many on that Council had ap-
preciated the fact that Mr. Fletcher
had never allowed himself to be
hampered by any rule of red
tape. If he was satisfied that any-
body desired to interview him
upon a point of importance, he
was always ready and will-
ing to give the earliest appoint-
ment possible and his unrivalled
experience of the affairs of the
Colony made them all feel that
they received excellent advice.
And very often they were able to
receive from Mr. Fletcher mater-
ial assistance in forwarding
whatever it might be they had
in hand. They felt that the Colony
was incurring considerable loss,
but their loss would be the gain of
Ceylon. They felt it was very re-
grettable that Mr. Fletcher
was not confirmed in this present
post as Colonial Secretary of
Hongkong, but they realised that
such affairs rested in other
hands and were outside their con-
trol. They would have liked him
to have continued his duties here.
In saying farewell to him they
could truly say that Mr. and Mrs.
Fletcher would be sorely missed
from the social life of the Colony.
They wished them every happi-
ness and prosperity in the new
place to which they were going
(Applause).

OTHER TRIBUTES.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son
said that on behalf of the Chinese
community they wished to extend
their very hearty congratulations
to Mr. Fletcher on his well-earned
promotion and also to inform him
that they very much regretted that
he was leaving them.—(Applause).

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak
said that as representing the
Chamber of Commerce and that as
its Chairman he had been brought
into frequent and close personal
contact with Mr. Fletcher, he
wished to endorse all that had
been said by His Excellency and
others regarding Mr. Fletcher's
valuable services to the Colony.
As long as 20 years ago he first
came in contact with Mr. Fletcher,
when the latter was ap-
pointed as Official Receiver, and
had control of trade marks reg-
istration. Before Mr. Fletcher's
advent the trade marks office was
in a hopelessly disorganised state,
and the manner in which Mr.
Fletcher speedily remedied mat-
ters gave an early indication of
the skill and ability possessed by
him. That early promise had
been fully borne out and the com-
mercial men of this Colony wished
to congratulate him very highly
on the well-earned honour which
had come to him while, at the
same time, regretting his depar-
ture from the Colony. The Un-
official Members of the Council
knew the action which had been
taken to get the Secretary of State
to act otherwise. They congratu-
lated Mr. Fletcher and wished
him every happiness in his new
sphere.—(Applause).

MR. FLETCHER'S REPLY.

Mr. Fletcher expressed to the
Council his warm appreciation
for the congratulations and for
the unmerited high terms in which
His Excellency and other mem-
bers had spoken. He had forgot-
ten that it was in 1913 that he
was confirmed as Clerk of Coun-
cils, for he could claim a much
longer connection with the Council

HOSPITAL RULES.

—PLEA FOR KOWLOON PEOPLE.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS.

Important questions relating to
the admission of maternity cases
into the new Kowloon Hospital,
and also relating to the treatment
of patients in that institution by
their own medical practitioners,
were asked at this morning's
meeting of the Legislative Coun-
cil, by the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
The questions, together with the
replies by the Colonial Secretary
(Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher)
were as follows:

Question.

What provision, if any, is the
Government making for the treat-
ing of Maternity cases in the Kow-
loon Hospital?

Answer.

There is no accommodation for
maternity cases at the Kowloon
Hospital, though in urgent neces-
sity, as for example in the event
of a typhoon, an exception would
be made to the rule. The site
has been so laid out that exten-
sions can be added as required.
The question of building a mater-
nity wing will be considered later,
if experience shows that there is
a sufficient demand to justify the
expenditure.

Question.

Will the Government revert to
its original intention of allowing
private medical practitioners to
visit and treat their own patients
in the Kowloon Hospital should
they so desire?

Answer.

The Government is not pre-
pared to reconsider this matter.
There was originally a proposal
that a part of the Kowloon Hos-
pital should be set aside as a
Nursing Home, to be run on the
lines of the Peak Hospital, but
it was decided that the difficul-
ties of management and discipline
rendered such an arrangement
impracticable. A private prac-
titioner can inform the Medical
Officer in charge of any circum-
stances in connection with a case,
and, if the Medical Officer or the
patient so desires, he can be called
in for consultation.

OTHER POINTS.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak stated
that, arising out of the answer to
the first part of the question, he
submitted that the treatment of
maternity cases should not be
dependent on the state of the
weather, but on the urgency and
necessity in the case of individual
patients. It was not a question
of whether there was any trans-
port across the harbour, but a
question of the condition of the
patient. From the beginning he
had had a distinct understanding
that maternity cases would be
treated at the Kowloon Hospital,
and Kowloon people felt that they
had been rather let down by the
Government in this particular
matter. He therefore suggested
that the matter be reconsidered,
and that any urgent cases, arising
from whatever cause, should
be admitted without question.

H.E. the Governor:—That will
certainly be so if the Medical
Officer or doctor says it is a case
of urgency.

Mr. Holyoak:—In the reply,
there is a reference to typhoon
weather, but it is not a question
of weather.

H.E. the Governor:—Well, that
is only quoted as one instance
where the patients could not pos-
sibly be taken across the har-
bour.

INDIAN CONGRESS.

SPLIT IN SWARAJIST RANKS.

Cawnpore, Dec. 28.

The concluding day of the
Nationalist Congress was marked
by a long and heated debate in
which, although the Swarajist
political programme was adopted,
a serious split in the Swarajist
ranks was revealed. This cul-
minated in the resignation from the
Legislature of Mr. Jayakar (Bom-
bay), Mr. Moonjee (Central Pro-
vinces) and Mr. Kelkar (Deputy
Leader of the Swarajists in the
Assembly) on the plea that they
would thereby liberate themselves
from the Swarajist obligation and
be free to propagate their views
for responsible co-operation and
acceptance of office.

The Congress adopted Mr.
Motilal Nehru's resolution in
favour of non-co-operation in the
Legislatures. The pundit, Mr.
Malaviya, feared that the Congress
was being handed over to a hand-
ful of Swarajists, who had not kept
their word in the past and could
not keep it in the future.

Mr. Lalalal Patni regarded the
outlook as most pessimistic, and
said that despite a contrary desire,
they were being driven uncon-
sciously towards co-operation.—
Reuter.

RIFFIAN PROBLEM.

FRANCE AND SPAIN UNITED.

Paris, Dec. 28.

Le Journal states that Mr.
Gordon Cumming has put up at
the hotel where a German, Herr
Hacklander, the former agent of
Manessmann Brothers, is staying,
and with whom he has openly dis-
cussed the Riffian question.

Petit Parisien states that the
basis of discussion presented by
Mr. Cumming is unacceptable, and
that his trip will not have any in-
fluence on the Moroccan question.
—*Indopacifi*.

Madrid, Dec. 28.

A Government Note points out
the lack of sincerity in the pro-
ceedings of Mr. Cumming and Je-
ciares that the Governments of
France and Spain, more united
than ever, desire peace, but will
not be duped by the manoeuvres
of Abd-el-Krim in seeking to gain
time to re-establish his lost pres-
tige. The note concludes that the
offers of the Riffs must be in pro-
portion to the efforts made by
France and Spain for the purpose
of peace and civilization.—*Indo-
pacifi*.

SYRIAN QUESTION.

A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Dec. 28.

As a result of an application by
leading men, M. de Jouvenel has
agreed to the constitution of a
Provisional Government in Damas-
cus.—*Indopacifi*.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

SWEDEN AND DENMARK.

Copenhagen, Dec. 28.

Sweden and Denmark have con-
cluded an agreement to submit all
differences to arbitration.—*Indo-
pacifi*.

MOROCCO WAR.

FRESH OPERATIONS BEGUN.

Rabat, Dec. 28.

French regulars, supported by
artillery and aeroplanes, have
started fresh operations in the
Taza sector, having as their ob-
jective the city of Bannour. The
action is developing favourably.

BANDIT EVIL.

STILL SERIOUS IN KWANGTUNG.

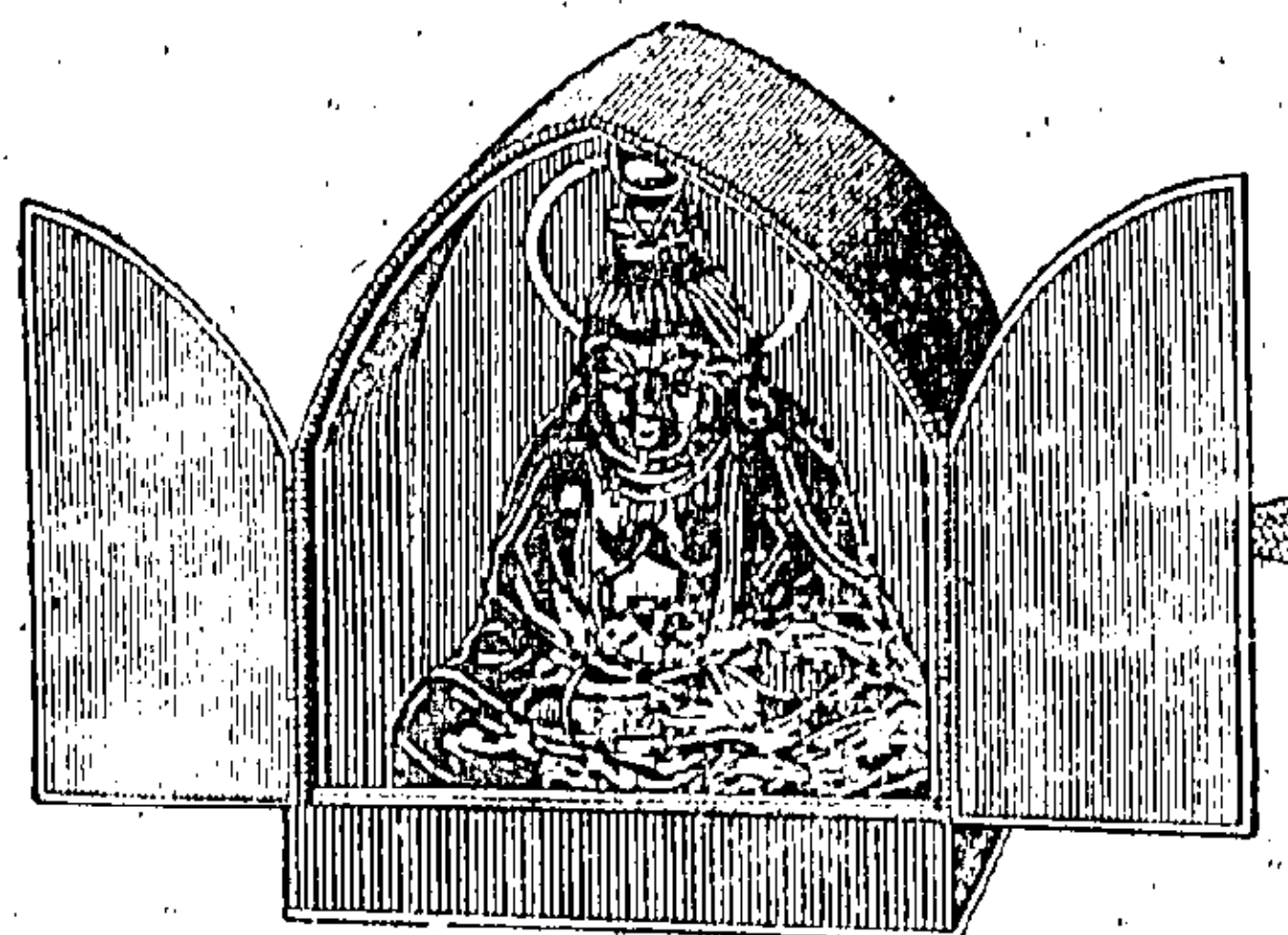
SUPPRESSION PLANS.

A report to hand states that
General Chang Kai-shek has ar-
rived at Hoi Fung and has held
two conferences with civil and
military officers as regards the
unification of Kwangtung and the
unity of command of the Army.
There are one or two more con-
ferences to follow, at which the
questions of the unity of control-
ling revenue collection, and the
prevention and suppression of
banditry will be discussed and de-
cided upon. The results of the
deliberations, together with those
from conferences held at Swatow
and other places, will be embodied
in a report on his tour of inspec-
tion, to the Committee of Military
Affairs. On receipt of the tele-
gram informing him of General
Chang's arrival at Hoi Fung, the
Acting Garrison Commandant,
General Wong Mow-kung, des-
patched two regiments by special
trains to be stationed in the vicin-
ities of Ping Shan, Tam Sui, and
along the road to Waichow, to
guard against sudden attacks by
brigands who are said to be quite
numerous in these localities, hav-
ing been augmented by disbanded
soldiers. It is also stated that
General Wong Mow-kung will pro-
ceed to meet General Chang Kai-
shek and accompany him on his re-
turn to Canton.

The report further states that
from Sia-Chuen up the East River,
within a radius of about one hun-
dred miles, there are ten large
bands of brigands operating, exact-
ing tolls on junks trading on the
river, ranging from eight to thirty
dollars according to the size and
value of the cargo. There are also
numerous small fangs of bandits
exacting levies on smaller craft.
The cause of the sudden appear-
ance of so many gangs of bandits
in these regions is, principally,
the construction work which was
commenced after the fall of Waichow,
but had to be stopped owing to the
lack of funds, and the reappearance
of soldiers who went into conceal-
ment after their defeat. The present
situation in these regions is being
greatly hampered and in many instances
in actual suspension, and the peo-
ple are in daily and nightly fear
of sudden raids by these bandits.
During his stay at Waichow, Gen-
eral Chang Kai-shek will devise
means to exterminate these bandits
and to prevent further robberies.
This may prevent him from return-
ing to Canton before the year
closes.

Serious as the brigandage evil is
in the East River sector, conditions
are said to be worse still in the
lower reach of the North River and
in western and southern sectors.
The brigands in the western part
of the province have a small
squadron of armed launches, and
on Christmas Day all native craft
trading on the North and West
Rivers, and in the delta, suspended
their sailings suddenly, because
news was received in Canton to
the effect that these armed
launches were active in those wa-
ters. The best part of the Canton
fleet has been set aside for the
naval expedition against Hainan
Island, and the brigands are taken
advantage of the absence of those
war vessels, which were formerly
employed in guarding points of ap-
proach, and in patrolling.
It is reported that General Li
Chai-sum is returning to Canton to
attend the general meeting of the
Kuomintang, and to report on the
question of the suppression of bri-
gandage which is hindering the
operations against Luichow, as
his troops are being constantly
harassed by sudden attacks of the
brigands or being diverted from
their operations.

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PIRACY SEQUEL.

CHINESE CHARGED ON THREE COUNTS.

Passenger's Story.

As a sequel to a piracy committed in British waters in the vicinity of Nam Tau, during the early part of July, in which the steam launch Po On was captured, a Chinese was charged on three counts before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The major charge was that of armed robbery, a charge of piracy not being applicable. The second charge was one of holding a number of passengers for ransom, the third being unlawful possession of arms.

Sub-Inspector Andrew, of the Water Police, prosecuted, the defendant being undefended.

In his outline of the facts of the case, Sub-Inspector Andrew said that the steam launch Po On left Hongkong on July 9 with a complement of 50 passengers for Wan Ha, which is situated on the north side of Deep Bay in Chinese territory. On arrival at Lik Sha the launch anchored in mid-stream owing to the shallowness of the water and passengers boarded by sampans. The launch then continued on her voyage to Wan Ha, where a number of men came on board. These men commandeered the launch and had her steered to Sha Cheng, where a stop was made and the passengers searched. After they had been relieved of their property, 28 of their number were taken for ransom, including 15 males and 13 females. The kidnapped passengers were taken up the hillside and the launch sent back to Hongkong. After some time those kidnapped were taken further inland and chained in pairs. Most of the passengers had since been released on the payment of ransom money. One of them escaped. During his captivity one of the men had an ear severed.

Captivity's Story.

Continuing, the Inspector said that on the 18th inst. a greaser, employed on the s.s. Sai On, plying between the Colony and Macao, observed the defendant on board and identified him as one of the pirates.

The police were informed and the defendant was arrested when the ship arrived in Hongkong. The defendant had since been identified by four passengers who had been kidnapped.

Evidence was then called and the greaser of the s.s. Sai On, after speaking of the arrest of the defendant, gave a graphic account of the piracy. He said that the Po On left the Colony at 5 o'clock on the morning of July 9 and stopped at Wan Ha, where two women boarded in sampans. At Lik Sha eight men approached the ship by sampan and on gaining the deck of the launch produced arms. Two shots were fired after which all the passengers were ordered into the hold of the vessel. The launch was taken back to Wan Ha and another six men joined the gang of pirates, who then directed the launch to be taken to Sha Cheng, one of the pirates keeping guard over the prisoners the whole time.

At Sha Cheng the passengers were forced to submit to a search and were all robbed of their valuables.

Twenty-eight of the passengers were taken ashore and accommodated in a Chinese temple for the night. The following day they were taken further into the heart of the country. Altogether witness was ten days in the hands of

THE NORTHERN WAR.

NO NOTE FROM POWERS.

Paris, Dec. 27. Well-informed circles declare that the powers interested will not despatch a joint note to the Chinese Government in regard to the present events in China.—*Reuter.*

Barbarous.

Tokyo, Dec. 28. The Foreign Office has received a report from Mukden that Chang's son has demanded that the Japanese Consul General order the Consul at Hsinminfu to give up eight of General Kuo's civil officials who are taking refuge in the Consulate there, but the request was refused as it is understood that Chang intends executing them.

The Consul General is arranging a Japanese police escort to bring them safely to Mukden. Though unconfirmed officially, the Government spokesman believes the reports that Kuo's and his wife's heads were exhibited publicly at Mukden and expressed disgust that such barbarities were practised. The vernacular papers also consider it very regrettable, though he deserved death as a traitor.—*Reuter.*

Soviet Intrigue Miscarries.

London, Dec. 28. The Times, in a leader, finds little satisfaction in the most recent developments in the Chinese war, except the fact that the success of Chang Tso-lin means that one of the Soviet intrigues in China has miscarried. Trade continues to suffer and industry to decay while China's alleged friends at Moscow continue to manipulate Chinese disensions for their own political ends, believing they can inflict enduring injury on the commercial interests of all capitalistic states, especially Britain, in China.

The article refers to the obstacles of granting foreign aid in restoring order, and observes that in any case no Chinese individual leader is worth British support, if only because none can absolutely rely on their own soldiers or colleagues.

The Times adds that there is nothing in Chinese history to forbid the hope of China's eventual recovery and concludes by applauding the Japanese action on the lines of the Daily Telegraph comment.—*Reuter.*

Western Powers' Prestige.

Paris, Dec. 28. Commenting on the events in China, the Gaulois after referring to endeavours on the part of the Moscow Government to supplant the Western powers in the prestige they have acquired in Asia, concludes: "It is precisely this which aggravates the problem imposed by Europe's attitude of abstention in the effervescence in China. Logically an agreement ought to be reached between the Western states to avert the peril."—*Reuter.*

the pirates before he escaped, which resulted from an attack on the pirates' den, by the village volunteers. During the fight witness evaded his captors and returned to the Colony.

Asked how he freed himself of the chains, witness replied that when the volunteers attacked the pirates his captives had taken the chains off his legs with the intention of removing the passengers further inland.

After further evidence the case was adjourned.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

ANNUAL COMPETITION IN GENERAL WORK.

Y.M.C.A. Wins Shield.

The annual competition in general Ambulance work took place at the week-end, fourteen "Sections," from the Saiyungpan, Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon-Canton Railway, and Indian Divisions, competing. The judges were Dr. W. V. M. Koch (District Surgeon of the Brigade), Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, and Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C.

The men were given a strenuous test, and in making their award the judges took into consideration: 1. Dress and equipment of men; 2. Stretcher Drill; 3. Neatness, accuracy and finish of work; 4. Time taken in completing a case and 5. Improvisation (where possible).

Marks were allotted as below: Y.M.C.A. Division, 335 marks; Indian Division, 314 marks; Railway Division, 310 marks and Saiyungpan Division, 305 marks.

The Shield is awarded, accordingly, to the Y.M.C.A. Division. Mention should be made of the work of the Railway Division, which while not adopting the ordinary routine drill, has developed a scheme specially adapted to the work the men are often called upon to perform in connection with the Railway.

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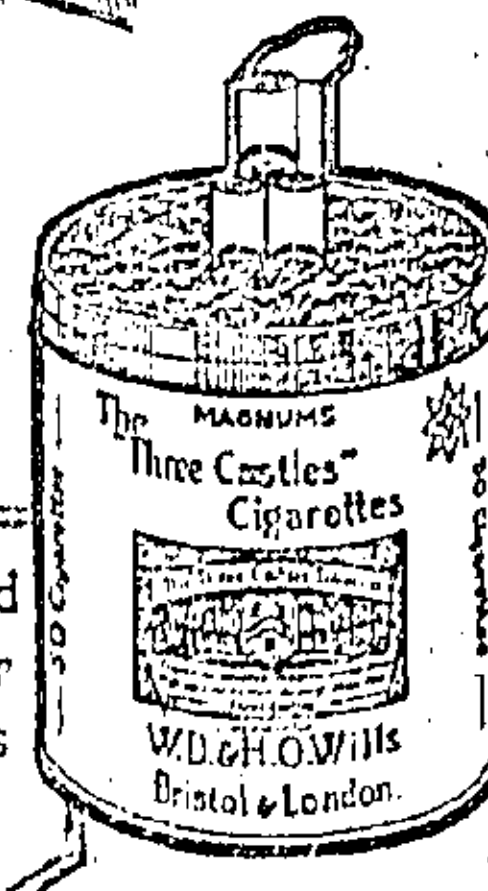
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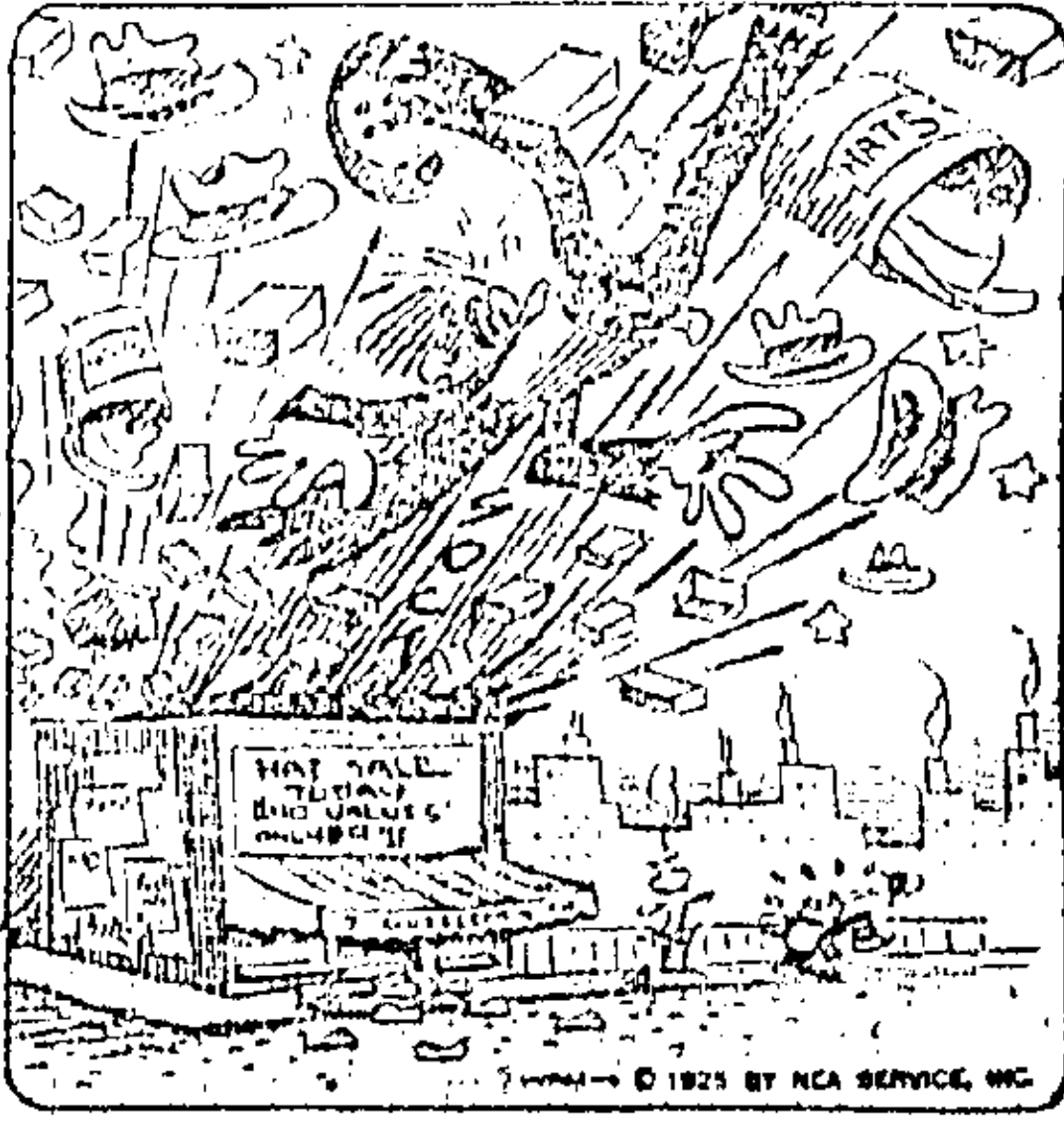
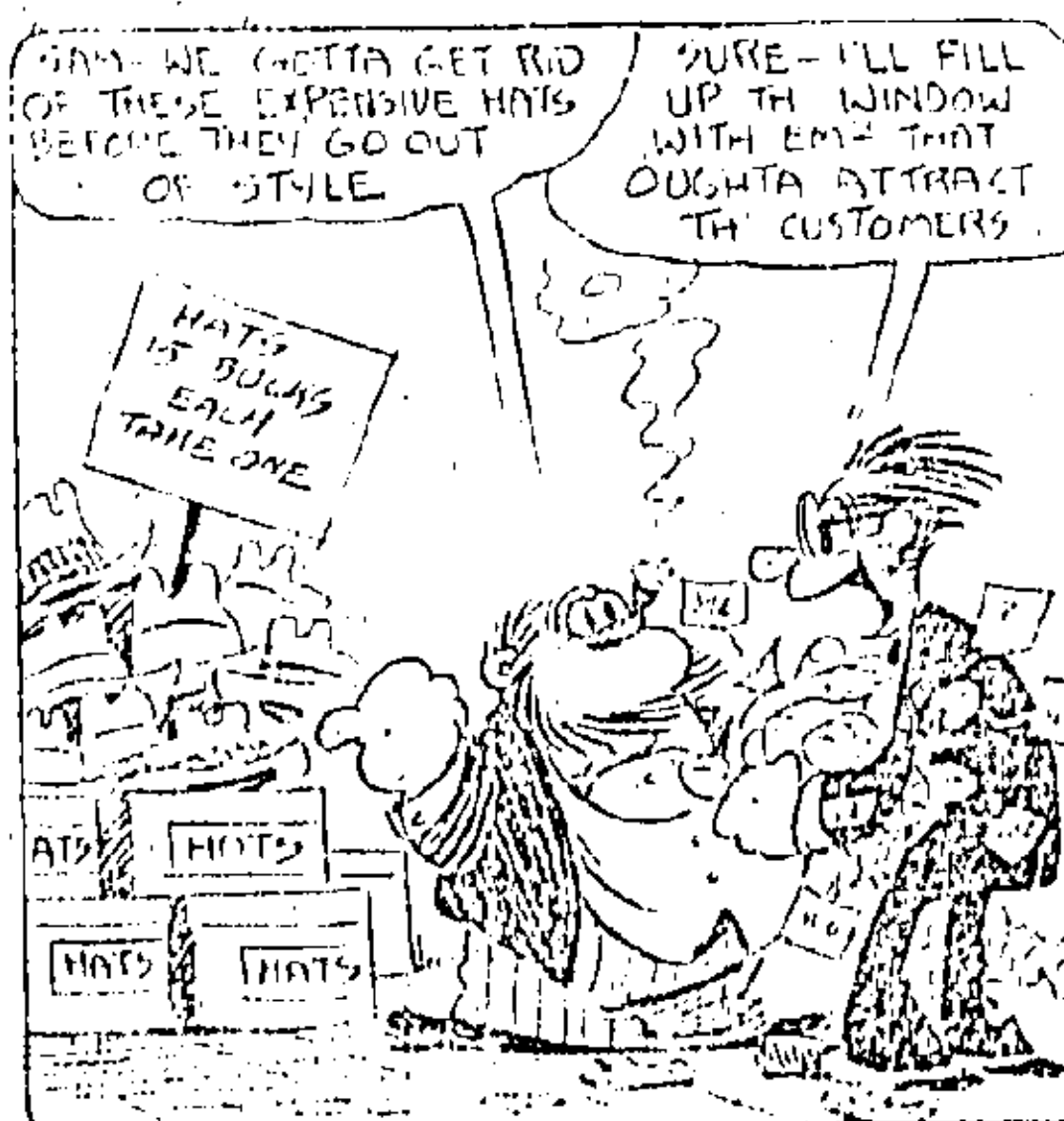
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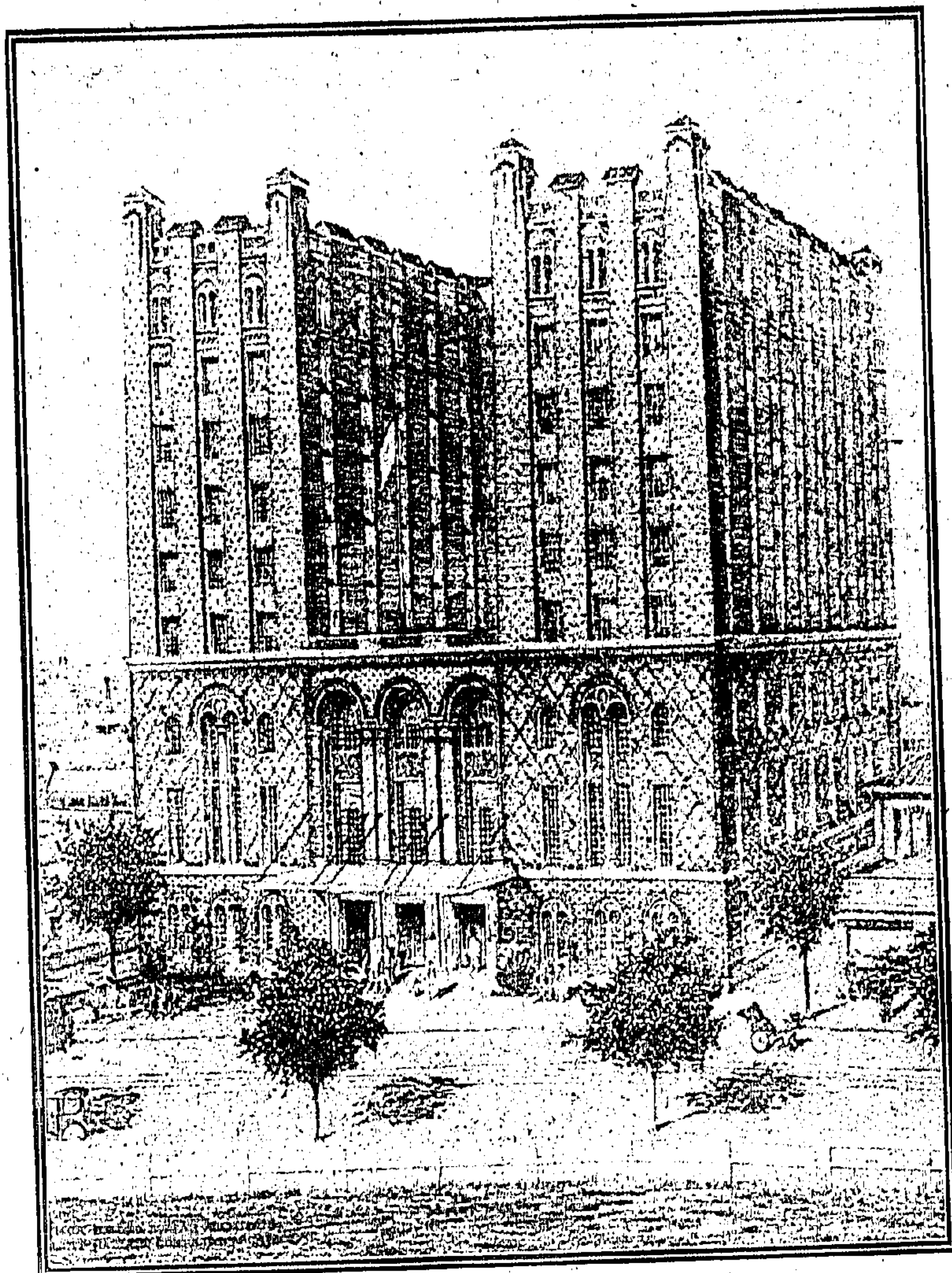
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New Rulers.



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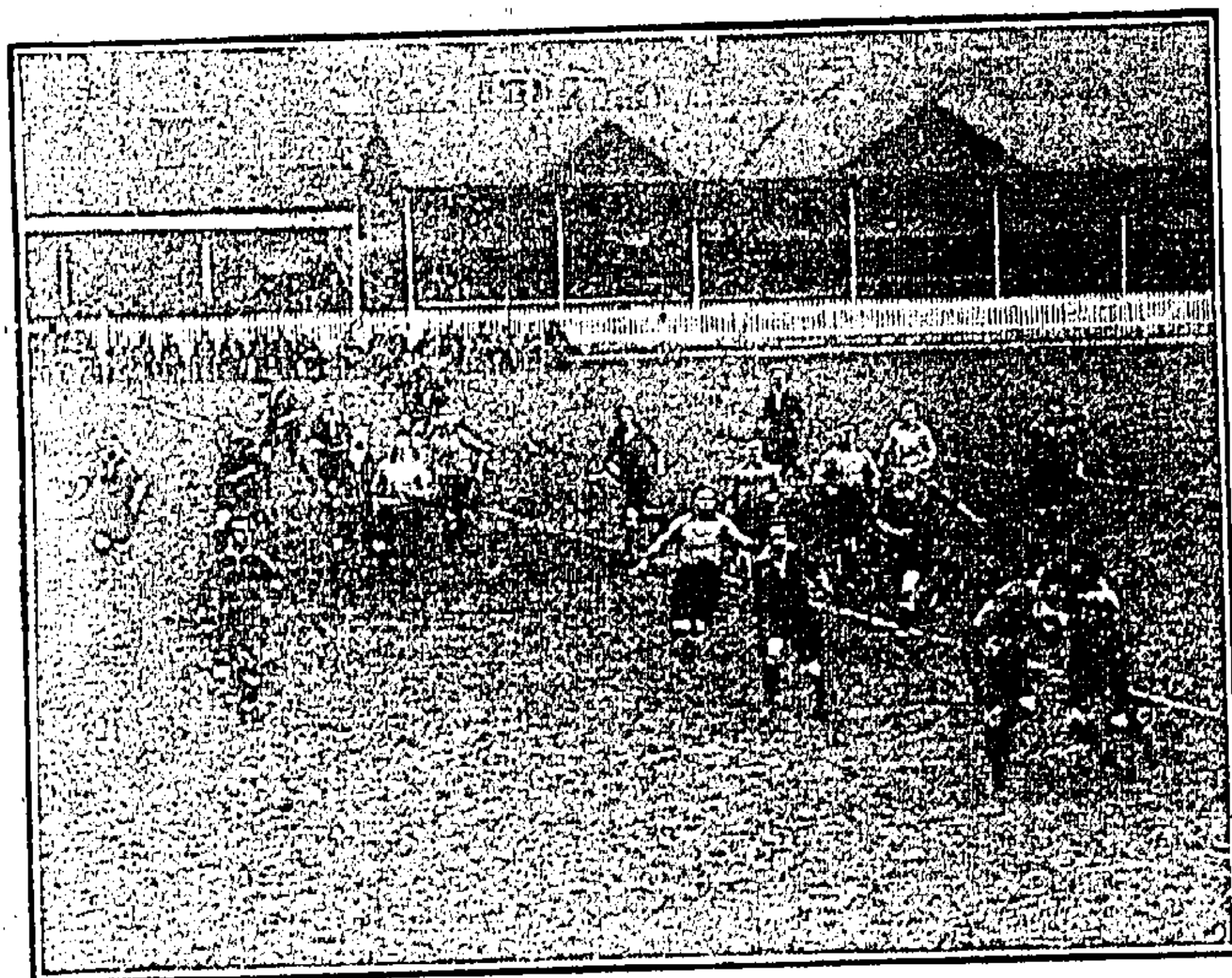
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Chinese Mass Demonstration.



Several thousand Chinese attended the recent mass meeting in the Chinese city at Shanghai in defiance of the martial-law order prohibiting meetings. The police tried to disperse the crowd, but were unable to do so. Finally, when an effort was made to form a procession, the police fired a volley into the air. Three Chinese were injured in the stampede which followed. Picture shows the crowd gathering for the meeting. Some of the banners bore anti-foreign inscriptions.

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INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE

General Holidays.

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Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 4th March, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 4th March, 1926.

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CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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The property comprises the messuages shops or dwelling houses known as No. 244 and 246 Des Voeux Road Central and contains an area of 1582 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of

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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

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HONGKONG'S VITAL STATISTICS.

FIGURES FROM MEDICAL REPORT.

Among the papers laid before the Legislative Council this morning was the Medical Report for 1924.

The population of the Colony is estimated to be:—British and foreign civilians 16,000, Chinese civilians 783,550: total number of Chinese births registered 3,826, total number of non-Chinese births 317.

The general birth rate for the civil population is said to be 5.8 and that of the Chinese 5.47 per 1,000. It is practically impossible to arrive at a correct estimate of the Chinese birth rate.

The total number of deaths was 15,553 and the general civilian death rate was 21.75 per 1,000. Of this total, there were 15,301 Chinese and 252 non-Chinese deaths, and the death rate was respectively 21.9 and 15.06 per 1,000.

The year 1924 was free from any serious outbreak of infectious disease, the epidemic of small-pox which commenced during the last three months of 1923 reached its highest in January and then rapidly declined.

The following doses of stock vaccines were issued by the Bacteriological Institute:—

T.A.B. (antityphoid) vaccine 869 doses, anti-cholera vaccine 545 doses, anti-plague vaccine 390 doses and polyvalent Anti-meningococcus vaccine 390 doses.

OUR GARDENS.

PRUNING OF ROADSIDE TREES.

The report of Mr. H. Green, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, states that during last year a number of improvements were made in the arrangement of plants and shrubbery in the Botanic Gardens.

Many of the larger trees and shrubs which were damaged by the typhoon in 1923 have made a fair recovery, the gaps caused by the loss of big trees have as far as possible been filled with trees and shrubs.

King's Park, Kowloon, having now been laid out by the Public Works Department, as a sports ground, all flowering trees have been lifted and removed to Sung Wong Toi and elsewhere.

Trees in plantations and elsewhere have now to a great extent recovered from the great damage suffered during the 1923 typhoon.

As a result of the blowing down of many very large roadside trees and the consequent breakage of telephone and electric light wires, the hard pruning of the largest roadside trees was commenced at the end of the year; the effect is very noticeable and a large amount of shade has been lost, but all trees pruned now offer much less resistance to wind and will consequently have a much better chance of weathering severe storms.

Many offences against the forest protection laws were dealt with, principally cases of timber stealing. Thousands of trees have had to be sacrificed through the sales of land and development of sites, such as at Shingmun.

Mr. Green's report was among the papers tabled at the Legislative Council meeting this morning.

LATEST FOX TROT.

TO BE HEARD IN HONGKONG.

The latest fox trot, entitled "No Spinsterhood for Me," will be first heard in Hongkong within a week of its release in the United States. During the last year, an enterprising American newspaper service agency has commissioned a popular composer of modern dance music to write three fox trots which were published in conjunction with serial stories appearing in the newspapers. The full orchestral score was mailed to us in order that it be possible to release the music here at the same time the United States first heard it. The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., have arranged for it to be played at both the Repulse Bay Carnival and the special Dinner Dance at the Hongkong Hotel on New Year's Eve.

QUICKER PROCEDURE.

COUNCIL ADDS TO STANDING ORDERS.

A matter of Government procedure was dealt with at this morning's meeting of the Legislative Council, when the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher) moved the following resolution:—

"Resolved that the following rule be inserted in the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council immediately after Rule 16:—

16a. The Governor may at any time refer direct to the Finance Committee any proposal concerning additional expenditure not already provided for in the annual estimates."

Mr. Fletcher explained that the practice had been for financial minutes to be referred by resolution of the whole Council to the Finance Committee, but as the Council was not in session for many weeks at a time, it was inevitable to incur actual expenditure or the liability for it before it was possible to get the Finance Committee together. It was obviously desirable for the Legislature to approve of expenditure before liability was undertaken, and it was, therefore, now proposed to add a rule to the Standing Orders whereby the Governor could at any time refer a financial proposal to the Finance Committee direct. The Finance Committee would consider such item or proposal in public (there was no question of private sessions) and could then recommend such items for the approval of the whole Council.

The resolution was seconded by the Attorney General and approved.

MEXICAN OIL.

GOVERNMENT'S RIGHTS SAFEGUARDED.

Mexico City, Dec. 28. A Presidential decree has put the Petroleum Act into operation. *Reuter's American Service.* [A Mexico City message of December 22 stated:—Parliament has passed the Petroleum Bill which gives the Government inalienable dominion over all gas, oil and mineral deposits. The Bill is not retrospective.]

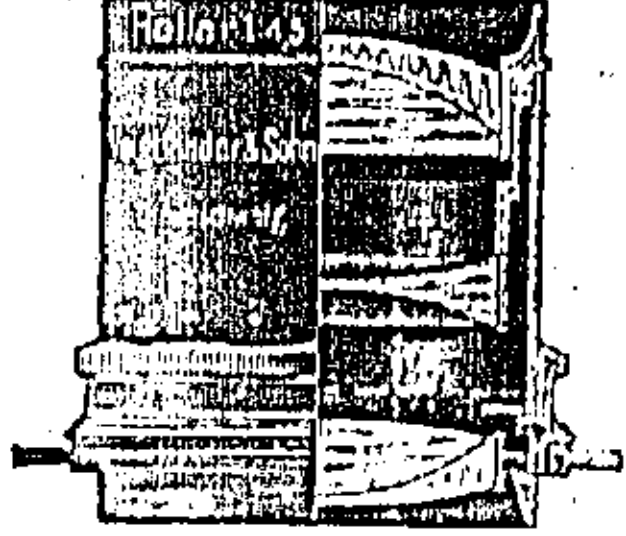
EX-PRESIDENT HONOURED.

A MEMORIAL STAMP.

New York, Dec. 28. Ex-President Wilson's birthday was celebrated in the cities and towns from coast to coast. The Post Office has commemorated the occasion by placing on sale a seven-cent Wilson memorial stamp. *Reuter's American Service.*

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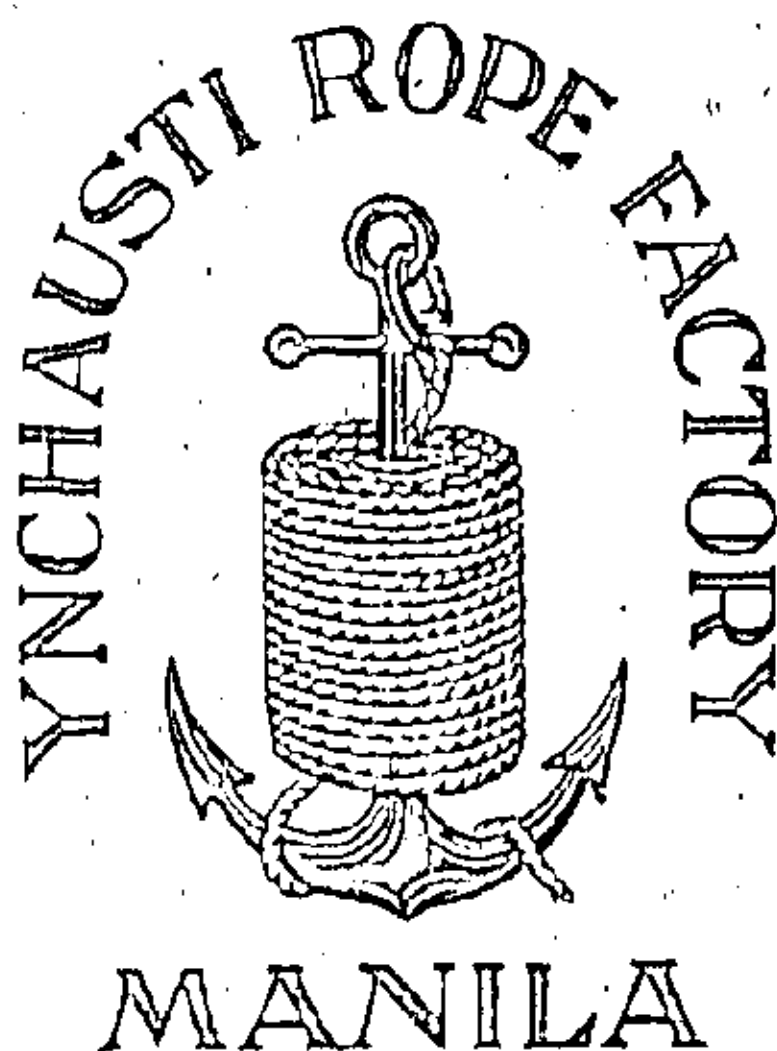
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RUGBY INTERPORT.

HONGKONG DEFEATED.

A Hard Game.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

The Rugby Interport match between Shanghai and Hongkong played to-day resulted in a win for Shanghai by 10 points to 3.

The conditions were not favourable, a high wind and pouring rain much handicapping both sides. Hongkong pressed at the start, and after ten minutes play Lammet scored a good try between the posts, which was not converted. A ding-dong struggle ensued between the opposing forwards, and after twenty minutes Goldman scored between the posts for Shanghai. Trenchard Davis converting. There followed a period of midfield play, in which Shanghai proved superior in the tight and Hongkong in the loose. Shanghai secured the ball from every scrum, but Hongkong were in Shanghai's territory for most of the first half. The interval arrived with Shanghai leading by a goal (five points) to a try (three points).

In the second half, Hongkong were on the defensive, Shanghai attacking, and after a quarter of an hour Goldman again scored between the posts and himself converted. Towards the end the Hongkong forwards were playing excellently and tackling hard. At the finish Shanghai were pressing, but Lammet relieved with a good run.

Lammet and Armstrong were good all-round, and the forwards were all good. The result was a victory for Shanghai by two goals (ten points) to a try (three points).—*Reuter*.

A private telegram says that Hett played a sound game and that Lloyd was excellent. In the match against Japan, Easterbrook is expected to get his place, Summers landing down.

JUNK ON FIRE.

KEROSENE BLAZE AT WANCHAI.

There was a good deal of excitement in the Wanchai district last night, occasioned by a fire which broke out in a cargo of kerosene on a junk moored alongside the reclamation.

The outbreak occurred about 8.30 and the Fire Brigades were promptly notified, both the Wanchai and Central apparatus being quickly on the scene. As was to be expected, the kerosene blazed furiously and for a half hour lighted up the district all around. The firemen tackled their job with commendable promptness and energy and soon subdued the flames. The junk was destroyed, but all the crew got safely away with the exception of a woman who was burned rather badly about the face.

The kerosene belonged to the Texaco Company.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. V. ROYAL NAVY.

The following will represent the Club in the above fixture on Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd January, commencing at 11 a.m.—R. Hancock (Capt.), A. C. I. Bowker, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, E. C. Lammet, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E. Pearce, T. E. Powell, E. B. Reed, G. R. Sayer, E. F. Stewart.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET.

ARMY V. NAVY.

The match between the Army and the Navy was commenced on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday. The Naval men had the advantage of the play in the first innings but the military team, whose second attempt was interrupted by falling light, were in a very strong position, having knocked off the deficit of 55 runs on the first innings, and at the close of play were leading by 127 runs, with five wickets in hand, the not outs being Capt. Warters and Lt. Smith. Cantrell was the most successful bowler of the day; in the first innings he took six wickets for 36 runs, and in the Army's second venture he had three of the five wickets.

Scores:

Army.—1st. Innings.	
Capt. Armstrong, not out	26
C. Q. M. S. Stripp, c and b Woodward	14
Sgt. Blondin, b Beatty	10
Capt. Bridgland, 1 b w	28
Cantrell	9
Major Hattersley Smith, c Cantrell, b Beatty	6
Capt. Morris, b Cantrell	6
Capt. Warters, c Halsey, b Cantrell	7
Lt. Smith, c Lake, b Cantrell	5
Lt. Col. Edmondson, b Cantrell	0
Spr. Goodyear, b Cantrell	3
Gnr. Chynton, b Beatty	6
Extras	7
Total	115

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	V.
Cantrell	18	4	36	6
Woodward	12	2	35	1
Beatty	10	3	23	3
Sillitoe	4	—	14	—

Navy.—1st. Innings.

Lt. Com. Armitage, b Goodyear	1
Pay. Lt. Hussey, b Morris	87
Lt. Nicholson, run out	1
Mid. Stephenson, b Smith	6
Lt. Halsey, c Clayton, b Morris	22
Lt. Sillitoe, not out	27
Pay Com. Woodward, b Clayton	1
Lt. Col. Cantrell, c Blondin, b Morris	0
Capt. Lake, run out	4
Lt. Wauchope, b Clayton	0
Lt. Beatty, b Morris	9
Extras	11
Total	170

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	V.
Goodyear	7	—	53	1
Smith	6	2	27	1
Morris	9	1	47	4
Clayton	9	—	32	2

Army.—2nd. Innings.

C. Q. M. S. Stripp, b Cantrell	8
Sgt. Blondin, c and b Cantrell	26
Capt. Bridgland, c Armitage, b Stephenson	56
Major Hattersley Smith, b Beatty	60
Capt. Morris, b Cantrell	1
Capt. Warters, not out	15
Lt. Smith, not out	7
Extras	10
Total (for 5 wickets)	182

GOLFERS ROBBED.

FANLING GOLF CLUB HOUSE BROKEN INTO.

A daring burglary was carried out during Saturday night at the Fanling Golf Club house. Thieves broke in by cutting out a pane of glass and opening a door. In the bar they opened the till, but found nothing therein. They attempted to open the safe and a broken key was found in the lock next morning. Apparently they then went upstairs where 15 men were sleeping. From besides tables they took away two gold watches and a wallet containing about 850 in notes, the losses in all amounting to nearly \$400.

No one was disturbed and the thief or thieves got safely away. On waking in the morning the golfers discovered their loss and the Police were informed. So far no one has been apprehended.

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ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

SIX MONTHS' SENTENCE ON A BOATMAN.

Incidents at a Shipyard.

Tsang Sze, a boatman, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday with attempting to steal a safe from the Kwok Li shipyard on November 17.

Chan Fook, a shipbuilder at the yard, said he was on the premises about 7.30 p.m. on November 17, when he saw three men enter the kitchen from the street. He asked what they wanted, but received no reply. They went into his master's room at the rear, defendant being one of the men. The men came out, two, including defendant, carrying a safe and the other a

satchel.

Witness went to the cockpit and raised the alarm by blowing a whistle. He did not go into the street because he was afraid there would be someone outside. When the alarm was raised the men dropped the things they were carrying and ran away. At the time his master's wife was in the kitchen with her son. There were several folks in the cockpit. When the men entered the house, two, including defendant, were armed.

An apprentice at the shipyard said he was in the cockpit, and when the men ran away he followed. He saw another man stop the defendant, but the other two made their escape.

Fan Shik-yau, a grocery store keeper, said he intercepted defendant as he ran away, and with the

PETROLEUM DEPOT BLAZE.

FIVE MILLION PESOS DAMAGE.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 28.
Five million pesos damage was done by fire to a petroleum depot belonging to an Italo-Argentine firm, believed to have been caused by lightning, which was accompanied by a severe storm yesterday afternoon. Several tanks were completely destroyed. The Government rushed up assistance to prevent the spread of the conflagration and endangering shipping.—*Reuter*.

help of another man held him until the police arrived. The Magistrate complimented witness on his pluck. Defendant was sentenced to six

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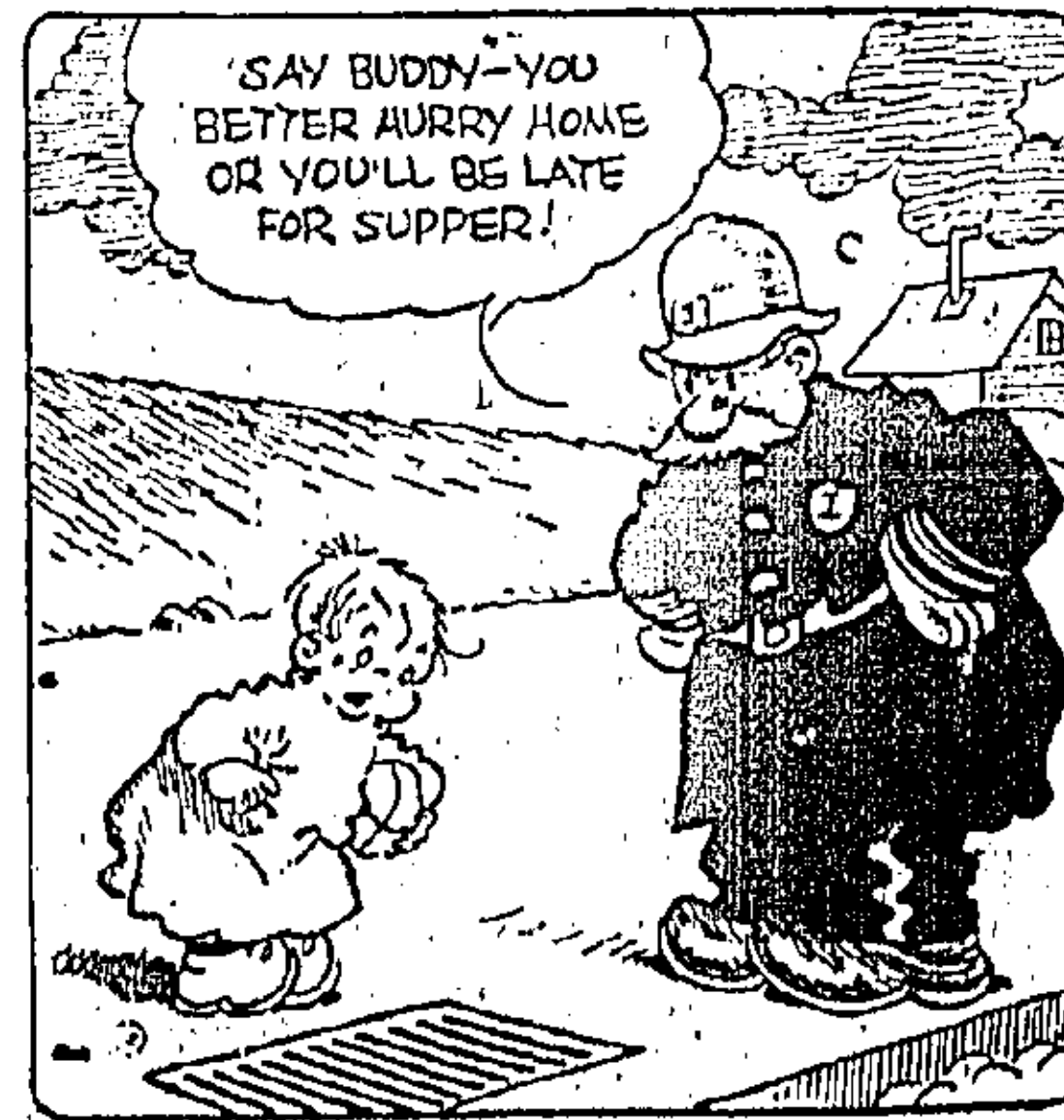
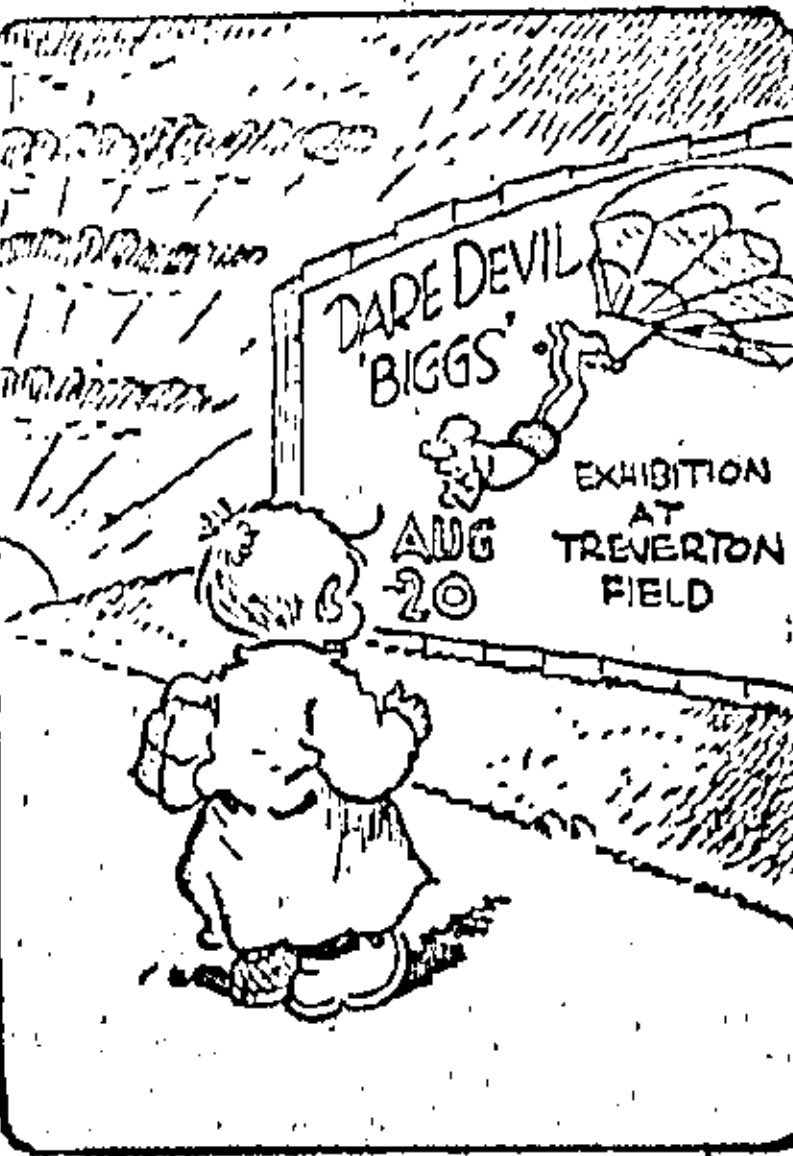
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TUESDAY, DEC. 29, 1925.

THE OLD "HONAM."

The passing of the s.s. Honam—the old paddle-wheel steamer that was an engineering adventure 40 years ago—leads one to the reflection that the evolution of things mechanical goes on mainly unnoticed in the ordinary run of everyday life. It is only on comparatively rare occasions such as that of the selling of the Honam for breaking-up purposes that one's attention is focussed on the passage of time and the changes that come with it. This Colony of Hongkong is, comparatively, a young one, yet it is old enough to have witnessed great and wonderful changes in the mode and manner of land and water travel. In the old days of the sailing ships, Hongkong's harbour was the resting place of a fleet of China clippers, and when the first steamships came they were marvelled at amid the contempt of many an old-time sailor. Larger vessels, the universal adoption of steam as motive power and the general progress of marine architecture brought about the gradual elimination of the wind-jammer, and we of this generation look back upon the few surviving relics of pre-steam sailing days as belonging to a by-gone age. When one comes to think of the great changes made since the old Honam first came here over 40 years ago, one realises the rapidity of progress during this comparatively short period. From the age of early steamboats we have come to that of palatial leviathans, to oil burning and motor ships and to great passenger and cargo liners which run to a schedule with as much regularity as a railway train. The uncertainties of wind and tide have been overcome and instead of travelling in discomfort and confinement, passengers can enjoy a luxuriousness on board a steamer equal if not superior to anything obtainable on shore. Surely there is something poetic in the contrast offered between the old Honam and an *Empress* boat, or, say, H.M.S. *Hermes* with her complement of sea-planes—almost undreamed of in the days when Clyde-side workmen were fashioning the Honam for duty on a little known river in China. That famous "walking beam" engine

of the Honam was a truly wonderful thing in its day and one would very much like to see its retention in Hongkong intact as a marine engineering curiosity, although there seems but little chance of that happening. Over a million and a quarter miles have been steamed by the old ship, and those who travelled in her on a night voyage know the lulling effect of that little pitch forward each time her great beam arm swept forward and downward. She has figured in many a Canton "crisis" and has well and truly served her owners and the public, both Chinese and foreign. There is something truly pathetic in her break-up by a Chinese ship-breaker and, although faster and more lavishly fitted-up boats might ply between this Colony and Canton, no ship will ever gain a warmer favour than did the old Honam, with her great eyes bulging out on each side of her paddle casings. She has survived typhoons and pirates, and 40 years of storms and calms, and there is a justifiable sentiment of sympathy in the heart of many an old-timer. But there is constant change and decay, and the old has to give place to the new.—*Sic transit gloria mundi.*

Restrictive Laws.

Judging from the latest American papers to hand, Washington is threatened with an epidemic of blue law enactments, opposition to which is being vigorously pursued in advance of the suggested legislation. It is being alleged by those conducting the movement that the city is lax, amongst other things, in the matter of Sunday observance, also that much unnecessary business is being transacted in the capital on the Sabbath; disapproval is being expressed of Sunday theatricals and cinema-shows; whilst Sunday golf and other sports are also being frowned upon. In this latter connection, the leaders of the Sunday-observance movement say they were especially scandalised by a big turn-out which marked the holding of a match of the world series of baseball on a Sunday. It would appear that Congress is going to be urged to stop all this kind of thing. Several Bills are due to be introduced on the subject shortly, while a number of laws designed to restrict popular desires in other directions will also be brought forward. Some of these latter, according to the newspapers, "would almost mean that a man would have to walk a chalk-line to keep out of jail." Meetings of protest have already been held in the capital, where there is a feeling that individual liberty is seriously threatened by the craze for restrictive enactments. Legal restraints are, of course, often necessary in order to cope with big evils, but the process can be overdone, and we can quite understand ordinary law-abiding citizens viewing with apprehension further inroads on their personal liberty.

At It Still.

It is remarkable how the tide of bitter indignation against Britain's rubber restriction appears to be rising in the United States of America. The interests making the greatest fuss are obviously the manufacturers, and from the way their choler seems to be growing we imagine they have made big forward contracts which the better prices for the commodity are seriously affecting. Otherwise we fail to see how their protests can be justified. As we pointed out a few days ago, when commenting on the accusations against the British Government *per se*, there never was any intention in what is known as the Stevenson Act except the perfectly legitimate one of rescuing a big industry from disaster. With the probable removal of restriction, the prices of plantation rubber should reach an economic level in the not distant future. At any rate, the quotations now ruling are not higher than they have been in the past, and the producers are recovering some of their losses of three years ago, when the manufacturers got rubber almost dirt cheap and had matters very much their own way. The protests now being launched are mostly uncalculated for, and being obviously biased, are far from dignified. And not only is it undignified to call the restrictive action "an international swindle,"

DAY BY DAY.

THE WISE AND STRONG MAN IS
OFTEN THE ARCHITECT OF HIS
OWN GOOD FORTUNE.—*Tasso.*

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.9/16d.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kalyan*, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 28th December, at 7 a.m.

The s.s. *Chonan*, which arrived to-day from Shanghai and Swatow, reports fog practically all the way.

The strength of the Police Force in the Foreign Settlements at Shanghai on November 30 was 3,046, made up as follows: Officers 10, Foreigners 351, Japanese 58, Sikhs 753, Chinese 1,874.

The Observatory reports that strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The forecast for to-morrow is:—N. winds, strong; overcast at first, clearing later.

The Westinghouse Electric International Company has issued an attractive pocket diary for 1926, which contains a map of the Far East as well as much statistical information regarding the electrical industry.

The many friends of Mr. J. J. Harrington, who recently left the service of the Taikoo Dock, where he was attached to the office staff, and intended to proceed to America or Canada, will regret to learn that he is very seriously ill at the French Hospital.

Spain is to enter the lists with a long-distance flight. An Associated Press message from Madrid, dated December 19, states:—The Ministry of War is organizing an airplane flight to Manila, it was announced to-day. It is expected that details of the proposed flight will be completed early in the coming year.

The December issue of the *Chinese Economic Monthly* contains, besides articles of much general interest, several contributions dealing particularly with the Chinese railways, one of which gives details of a proposed new phonetic alphabet for railway telegraphing. A large map of the Hwai River conservancy schemes is included with the issue.

The Harbour Office notice board contains a communication from the Commander of H.M. Dockyard to the effect that torpedo ranging will commence from Lai-chikok Pier to the 2,000 yards target on Monday, January 4th. A red flag will be hoisted on the 2,000 yards target and on the end of the pier while ranging is taking place. It further states that this will always be the signal when the range is in use.

Mr. John Bell-Irving, of Milkbank, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, seventh Laird of Whitehill, late of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., formerly a member of the Hongkong Legislative Council, who died on July 30, aged 79, left in addition to considerable real estate and settled property, unsettled personal estate valued for probate at £269,932, of which the personal estate in Great Britain amounts to £98,250.

In the District Court at Singapore Captain Cotton, of the steamer *Seang Boe*, was recently fined 500 dollars and costs in consequence of the seizure on board the vessel a short while ago of a considerable quantity of non-Government opium. The opium was found behind the panelling of one of the cabins and behind an electric fan. In connection with the same case two members of the crew of the steamer were prosecuted in the same court later in the day, one of them being fined 1,000 dollars or in default six months' rigorous imprisonment while the other was discharged.

but it comes jarringly in the midst of efforts towards world friendship. Apparently commercial considerations have proved greater than every-day discretion. We have never been in favour of artificial price "boosting," and for that reason have been severe critics of the rubber restriction scheme in the past—owing to its forming a dangerous precedent—yet we feel sure that any careful examination of the facts will prove that the British action is now being badly distorted and unjustly maligned.

LONDON-CAPETOWN FLIGHT.



This photograph, taken just before the start of the London-Capetown flight, shows, left to right, Mr. Alan Cobham (pilot and organiser), Mr. A. B. Elliott (engineer) and Mr. B. W. Emmott (cinema photographer).

PUBLIC MONEY.

BIG VOTES APPROVED
TO-DAY.

At this morning's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, presided over by the acting Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher) nearly sixty votes, the total of which came to nearly \$690,000 were approved. Several were the subject of discussion.

HONGKONG LIGHTING.

Included in a vote for \$89,850 was a sum of \$11,600 for extension of lighting in Hongkong. The Chairman explained that the lighting vote was \$15,000, but the sum of \$11,600 was an extra amount, owing to a large extension scheme for both gas and electric light in various parts of the Colony. The scheme had been before the Public Works Committee, who recommended it to the Council.

Included in this vote was also a sum for a flying survey in connection with the proposed new tramway from Murray Barracks to Wanchai Gap.

The vote was approved.

WANCHAI ROAD.

Part of a vote for communications was a sum of \$600 for widening Wanchai Road to 42 feet.

Replying to a question by Sir Henry Pollock, the Chairman said for some time past they had been trying to get better communication between Queen's Road and the Praya East, and Wanchai was therefore being widened as opportunity offered. When houses were pulled down, they were set back. At present the road was very irregular in consequence, but this would be improved as old houses came down.

The vote was approved.

FIRE BRIGADE VOTE.

Approval was given to a vote for \$5,500 for repairs to motor engines and plant for the Fire Brigade.

Part of this sum, it was explained, totalling \$2,325, was for renewal of a turntable ladder which was broken and which caused the death of a fireman some time back.

ANTI-MALARIA WORK.

Another vote approved was a sum of \$7,000 for miscellaneous works in the New Territories.

The Chairman explained that this sum was spread over many headings, the most important of which was the cost of drainage for anti-malarial purposes in the region of Shataukok Police Station so as to render it more immune from malaria. The vote also included the cost of a new path to the Police Station at Talpo.

MID-LEVEL MOTORING.

The Committee approved of a vote for \$20,000 in respect of the road from the western end of Robinson Road to Conduit Road. The Chairman explained that the original vote was for \$25,000,

but the work could not be got in with in 1924. Recently it had been decided to push on with the work as fast as possible, as it was important in connection with motoring on the mid-levels.

GLASSES FOR STUDENTS.

Approval was given to a vote of \$1,145 for medical fees and glasses for students in Government schools.

The Chairman explained that the Government used to pay certain amounts each year for medical examination of students of Queen's College, and the present vote represented the charges which had accumulated in excess of what the students paid, since the system began in 1921.

Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird:—Does the Government supply students with glasses?

The Chairman:—In certain cases. It depends on the means of the pupils.

GOVERNOR'S MOTOR CAR.

Another vote approved was a sum of \$414 for upkeep of motor cars, under the heading "Governor."

The Chairman explained that there were two motor cars at Government House, which were largely used in connection with public services, and the Finance Committee felt that the upkeep of one of these cars, and the cost of one chauffeur, should be borne by the public expense. The sum mentioned represented the accounts for this year.

SHING MUN SCHEME.

In connection with a vote for \$15,000 for temporary intake and conduit in relation to the Shing Mun Valley scheme, the Director of Public Works explained that more work was done than had been anticipated.

Sir Henry Pollock:—When is the scheme likely to be completed?

Mr. Cressy:—The tunnel part of it will be completed about the end of May or the beginning of June.

Sir Henry Pollock:—But the whole scheme?

Mr. Cressy explained that some portions had not yet been begun, as the contracts were not out, and he could not give a date as to when the whole scheme would be completed.

The vote was passed.

WATER WORKS.

Votes in regard to water works, totalling \$35,000, were approved.

Sir Henry Pollock stated that the Committee some time ago were promised a report by Mr. Henderson, of the Water Office, on the filtration system and filter beds, but they had not received it yet.

Mr. Cressy explained that the report was nearly ready and would be supplied as soon as possible.

The health return for the four days ended 27th instant shows one imported British case of small-pox, one British case of diphtheria and one Chinese occurrence of cerebro-spinal fever.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

THE BOXING DOMESTIC PROBLEM.

[BY "WANDERER,"]

The domestic side of local boxing, by which I mean the relationship between boxer and promoter and between boxer and boxer outside the ring, is providing an interesting and wonderful example of the eccentricities, peculiarities, call them what you like, in which even first-class men love to revel. Last week we had the remarkable spectacle of the welterweight champion of the Colony, A. B. Ewin, of H.M.S. Hermes, challenging the winner of a six-rounds contest.

One of the men, he had beaten easily at a previous meeting, and the other, who won and won well, first came into prominence locally by winning a novices' tournament three weeks previously. The welterweight champion of the Colony challenging a young fighter who has just emerged from the novice class, would provide the necessary excuse for a fit were it to come to the ears of that mystical body, the boxers' union.

Then we get the extraordinary interest "Boxing Fans" are taking in the promotion of contests—through the Hongkong Boxing Association, of course—suggesting that So-and-so having made or helped to make a fearful mess of his fight with another boxer whose initials are not the same, should be given an opportunity of doing better or worse, richer or poorer, with yet a third person. If one is to be perfectly candid, the suspicion at once arises that someone is attempting to pull the strings, for and on behalf of one of the men mentioned.

I may of course be wrong in the suggestion. Perhaps it is that the fellow whose initials are not the same failed to make a mess of So-and-so, and the third person could be depended upon, for the same figure or less, to make a bigger mess, either of So-and-so or of the fight. Still if one is to be perfectly candid, the suspicion arises that some-one has an axe to grind, for and on behalf of one of the men concerned.

To come more definitely to the point, the public were at the last tournament staged by the Hongkong Boxing Association provided with a catchweight contest between Jim Cartledge and Norman Morris. The bout was a failure from the spectacular point of view. It is now suggested that Ewin be given his chance against Cartledge. The fight might be more interesting. It probably would. The Ewin style does not permit of an overplus of holding and clinching, but if Ewin wishes to meet Cartledge there are hosts of ways in which he may himself say so. We are well aware of Cartledge's willingness to meet him and we know Cartledge's terms for so doing.

INSIDE INFORMATION.

The management committee of the Hongkong Football Association has now decided to continue the "B" Section of the Second Division so as to permit the playing of return games. The first series of these "returns" will be played on Saturday. The change brings the number of games in the Division to sixteen.

The Hongkong University football team is visiting Shanghai during the winter vacation and will be away for a few weeks. They are playing Northern universities. Their fixtures will be postponed, subject to permission of the Association, until sometime towards the end of January.

I understand on excellent authority, that of the hon. secretary of the Hongkong Football Association, that queries recently addressed to the Shanghai Football Association relative to the inclusion of Chinese players in Hongkong's Interport football team, have elicited the fact that Shanghai has no further objection. Whether or not the Association will need to avail themselves of the concession, is, of course, another matter.

A reader, European by the way, points out that I have not commented on the letter published last week, and written by Leung Yuk-tong, in answer to criticism in these columns. Having been asked I must say that I do not retract any statement previously made. Leung Yuk-tong may be perfectly accurate in all he has to say, but

ICE COMPANY.

TO-DAY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The placing of the balance of the profit on the year's working to the reduction of the deficit carried forward from last year was agreed to at the fourth annual meeting of the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held this morning. Mr. T. G. Weall occupied the chair and there were also present: The Rev. Father L. Robert, Mr. Lau Yik-chush, Mr. Leung Yan-po, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (directors), Messrs. H. W. Page, W. Macfarlane, Chan Nai-pun, Chan In-nam, G. W. Sewell, A. Stevenson (shareholders) and Mr. J. D. Thomson (acting secretary).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The accounts and report for the year ending 31st July having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual procedure and take them as read. The profit for the period under review amounts, as you will have seen, to \$5,695.22 roughly \$3,000 less than shown in the previous year's working. Your Directors recommend that the profit be dealt with in the following manner:—

To write off on account of Depreciation and Bad and Doubtful Debts, \$3,300.63; and to deduct the balance, viz. \$2,394.60 from the debit balance brought forward from last year, thus reducing the same to \$38,486.95. In his speech last year, our Chairman associated the poor result of that year's working with the unsettled state of affairs in Canton and district, and I cannot do otherwise than reiterate his remarks, for conditions there have certainly not improved since then. The political troubles which started in June last resulting, as you know, in the closing of all communications to the city, leaving us with only the requirements of the few remaining residents in Shumchun to cater for. You will be pleased to learn that although all our Chinese employees left at the commencement of the strike, a continuous service has been maintained. Ice has been on sale throughout, and although heavier stocks of perishable produce than usual were being stored, they were successfully cared for. Before going further, I should like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the Commandants of the American, French and British flotillas for their kind assistance, also to the Shumchun Municipal Council and Volunteers for assisting in the matter of distribution, i.e. delivery of the electric generating plant which was sold some considerable time ago has now been taken, the sum received in his respect appears in the balance sheet. Unfortunately no offers have yet been received for the 2 x 80 H.P. Bolinder engines for disposal. I might mention that the General Managers have again made no charge for their services. The same applies to the Director and Secretary. The building and machinery are in excellent condition. Your Directors, however, recommend writing off the sum already mentioned rather than carry the whole of the profit to the credit of the Profit and Loss Account, and I trust this meets with your approval. With these few remarks I propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. When the proposal has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. H. W. Page seconded, and the report and accounts were adopted unanimously.

BUSINESS MATTERS.

The re-election of the retiring directors, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland and Mr. Leung Yan-po, was proposed by Mr. Sewell, seconded by Mr. Chan Nai-pun and carried.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$250, on the proposition of Mr. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr. Chan In-nam.

This was all the business of the meeting.

he fails to explain why he left the field without asking permission of the referee, in spite of the fact that he tossed the coin for choice of ends for extra time. Further he does not mention that prior to the kick-off Mr. Smith pointed out to him that in the event of a draw, extra time would be necessary.

MURDER TRIAL.

OPENING OF THE DEFENCE.

The case for the prosecution closed this morning in the trial of Shing Wai-lai, charged before the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions, with the murder of an Indian constable at N'au Shi-wan on the 8th July last.

In cross-examination by Mr. Easley Zeitlyn (appearing for the defence), Detective Inspector Timothy Murphy admitted that he jettisoned the description of the "wanted" man given by the wounded Indian, in favour of that given by the Kowloon Police Station. He did not supply the description to fit the name, but this description was taken because it came along with the name.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., questioned in regard to the identification parade, said that the prisoner was picked out by two different constables from a row of nine men chosen for their close physical resemblance to the accused. The accused was picked out without any hesitation, although he shifted his position along the line for each of these identifications.

Ng Ping-u, the interpreter attached to the Criminal Investigation Department, was next called and examined in regard to his translation of a statement said to have been made by the accused. In this statement the accused is said to have stated that he was offered \$100 by the husband of the woman who enticed him back into British territory to kill the Indian constable, and a further \$50 to flee into Shumchun after the deed. He was asked to go to Shumchun but refused to go.

The interpreter was questioned very closely by Mr. Zeitlyn as to the value of the translation of this last sentence. Counsel suggested that the characters "ngo ng hui" might not have the alternative meaning of "I did not go."

The witness said that the meaning of any Chinese character depended on its position in the sentence, and, placed as "ng" was in the present instance, witness felt bound to translate its meaning in relation to the words which preceded it.

Counsel put it to witness whether "ngo ng hang hui," meaning "I was not willing to go," could not be used if the emphatic negative was intended.

Witness admitted that that form could be sometimes used. On his own part he thought that the character "mau" could as well be used, if the meaning "I did not go" was intended.

When Mr. Zeitlyn became too pressing in his insistence on what he considered to be the true and correct translation of the sentence, witness became rather worked up, and was gently chided by his Lordship, who said "It is no use getting excited or angry over it."

After further argument, the case for the prosecution closed, and Mr. Zeitlyn opened his defence.

After a preliminary address to the jury, Mr. Zeitlyn commenced on a skeleton outline of the case for the defence. He said that the case for the prosecution rested entirely on suspicion, which was based on three circumstances (1) the absence of the accused from his home, (2) the statement of the woman who enticed him back into Chinese territory, and (3) the damaging statement alleged to have been made by the accused, and referred to earlier in this report. Before the case closed Mr. Zeitlyn said he hoped to dissipate all these circumstances.

The trial is proceeding.

HIGH TRIBUTES.

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than that. It was in 1905 that he sat for the first time in the Clerk's chair in a very dilapidated tail coat inherited as a legacy from Sir Henry May who used to sit there. That was in days when dress at Council meetings was much more formal. He had acted eight times as Colonial Secretary and once as Colonial Treasurer. The late Mr. Stephen, whenever he met Mr. Fletcher, used to wonder whether it was his turn to call him (Mr. Fletcher) "Sir," or his (Mr. Fletcher's) turn to call him "Sir." Mr. Fletcher proceeded, to express his obligation to all the Members of the Council for their unflinching co-operation and help in the work of the Government, both publicly in that Council Chamber and privately in other places. He very much regretted laying down his work in this Colony and saying "Good-bye."—(Applause).

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LOCAL BUILDINGS.

P.W.D. HAS A BUSY YEAR.

The annual report by the Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cross, presented at the Council meeting this morning, shows that the net total voted for the department last year was \$13,213,494, and the actual expenditure \$11,091,522.

The Colony's building boom earlier in the year brought the department concerned a great deal of work.

With regard to the reconstruction of houses, the amendment to the Rents Restriction Ordinance was responsible for a marked decrease in the number of houses in course of reconstruction at the end of the year. The Buildings Ordinance Office was, however, involved in a very considerable amount of additional work as a result of this amendment. The numerous applications for permission to reconstruct property, and the appeals arising therefrom, entailed a considerable amount of time and labour.

Mr. Cross states:—The number of plans submitted during 1924 shows a decrease in the number of proposed new houses, and it may, therefore, be anticipated that, at the end of 1925, there will be a fall in the number of new buildings completed.

The policy of requiring houses, when undergoing reconstruction, to be built at a higher level where necessary in order to provide for the future raising of certain low-lying areas in Hongkong and Kowloon has been continued.

There were no collapses of any magnitude. Several minor accidents occurred, generally due to carelessness on the part of contractors or their foremen, with heavy rains as contributory cause.

AFGHANISTAN BORDER.

RUSSIAN ATTACK INCIDENT.

London, Dec. 28. Diplomatic circles in London do not regard the report of a Russian attack in North East Afghanistan very seriously and attribute it to roving bands not controlled from Moscow or any central government. It is pointed out that the region of the river Oxus has been the scene of raids for many months.—*Reuter*.

DISARMAMENT.

INTEREST IN AMERICA.

New York, Dec. 28. Interested quarters welcome favourably the idea of sending an American delegation to the preliminary Disarmament Conference and suggest that President Coolidge does not consult Congress before appointing the delegates.—*Indopacific*.

INCOGNITO.

DEFEATED GENERAL QUILTS.

Chefoo, Dec. 28. General Li Ching-shan has left for Shanghai, travelling incognito as Mr. Li.—*Reuter*.

The Hongkong Observatory informs us that a time signal, according to the Manila code, will be flashed by lamps on the wireless mast at the Observatory from 11.55 p.m. till midnight on December 31. The last flash will indicate the end of the year 1925 and the beginning of the year 1926.

A serious case of alphabetical elephantiasis reported in the *Daily Telegraph*: At the recent Dental Exhibition, attention was drawn to a tremendously long word used to describe a germicide. Long as it was, it is easily beaten by one that appears in the programme of the London Medical Exhibition, opened at Westminster yesterday. It is as follows: "Dimethylaminobenzoylethylmethylcarbinol." The substance is stated to be a hydrochloride, used as a spinal anaesthetic. It is as well for conversational as well as hygienic reasons that we shall not feel obliged to refer to this anaesthetic often.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.
Hongkong, \$1,035 sa.
Chartered, \$21 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$29½ n.
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Shipping.
Douglases, \$35 s.
Steamboats, \$23 n.
Tugs, \$4½ s.
Indo-Chinas, \$38 n.
Shell Trans., 96/- b.
Star Ferries, \$59 n.
Waterboats, \$16 b.
Oriental Nav., \$250 n.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$31 n.
Malabars, \$48 n.

Mining.
Benquet's, \$190 n.
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Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8 n.
Raub's, \$5.80 n.
Tronohs, 58/- n.
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Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$127½ b.
Whampoa Docks, \$56 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 163 b.
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Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9 n.
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Realty, \$51 sa.
Territorials, \$51 b.
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Princes Bldgs., \$150 n.
Rural Lands, \$7 s.

Cottons.
Ewos, Tls. 10 s.
Orientals, Tls. \$3.25 n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 62 s.

Miscellaneous.
Canton Ice, \$71 n.
Cements, \$15.25 n.
China Bases, Tls. 104 b.
China Lights, \$15.10 n.
China Prov., \$84 s.
Constructions, \$1.90 b.
Dairy Farms, \$171 s.
Der A. Wing, \$10 n.
Electric, \$531 sa.
Macao Electric, \$40 n.
Developments, 30 cents, b.
Ropes, \$40 s.
Tramways, \$24 sa.
Lane Crawfords, \$121 n.
Mackintosh, \$211 n.
Peak Trams, \$151 b.
Sinceres, \$11 s.
Taxis, \$5 s.
United Asbestos, \$30 n.
Watsons (Old), \$121 sa.
Watsons (New), \$12 b.
Powells, \$13 s.
Amusements, \$10.50 b.

Blessings on the head of the official who, says a Home paper, in these anxious days, lights up the papers with items like this:—"The Board of Trade has refused to register the Poole (Dorset) Harbour Commissioners' new barges under the names of 'Dum' and 'Dec' but has accepted the names 'Tweddledum' and 'Tweddledec'." Lewis Carroll should have been alive to learn of this gallant stand for the full style and title of his heroes.

When the Lord Mayor opened the November session at the Old Bailey there was on the Bench his Imperial Highness Prince Chichibu, second son of the Emperor of Japan. In welcoming the Prince, who occupied a seat on his right, the Recorder mentioned that three years ago Japan determined to try the jury system in criminal cases. They had not had a jury system before. But with their proverbial care and caution they determined to postpone the experiment for five years, and therefore the system would not come into operation for about two years from now, and in the meantime they had sent an influential deputation, two members of which were sitting on the Bench by the side of his Imperial Highness, to study the jury system. It was not proposed in Japan to have grand juries, but they were trying the experiment of trial by jury. He hoped they would find the jury system as satisfactory as we had done.

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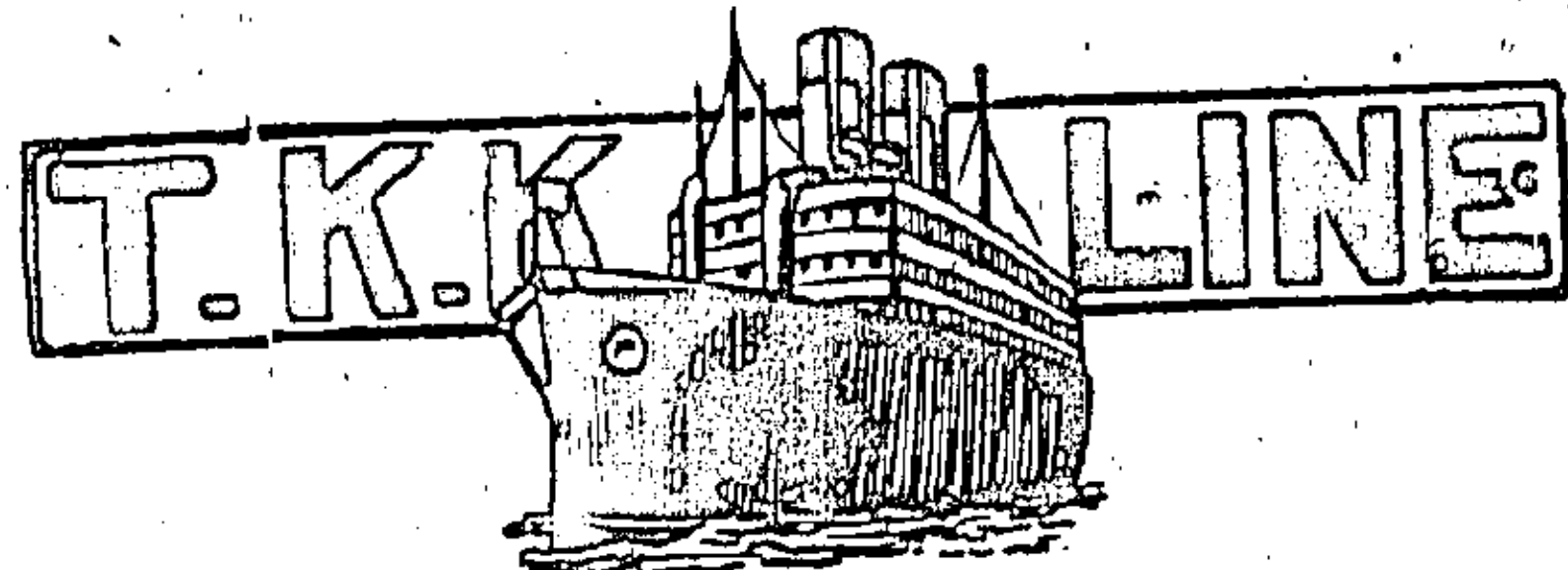
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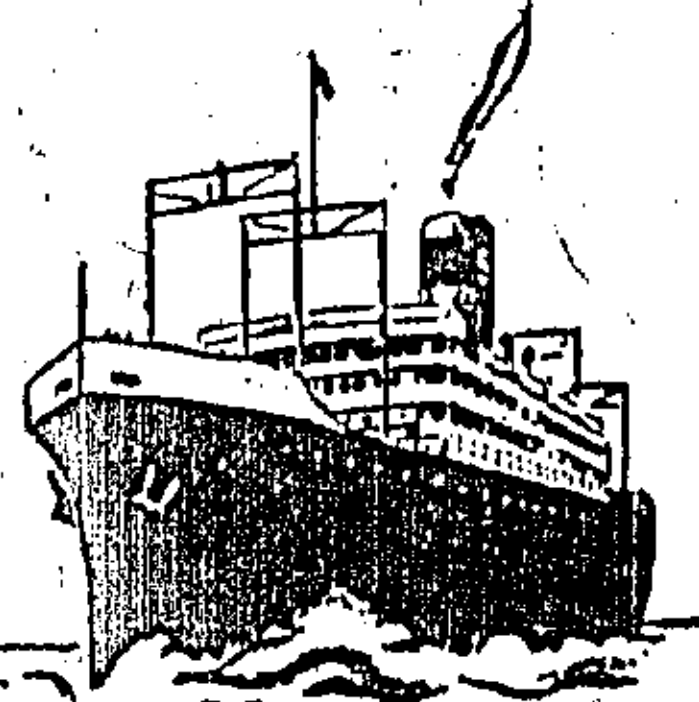
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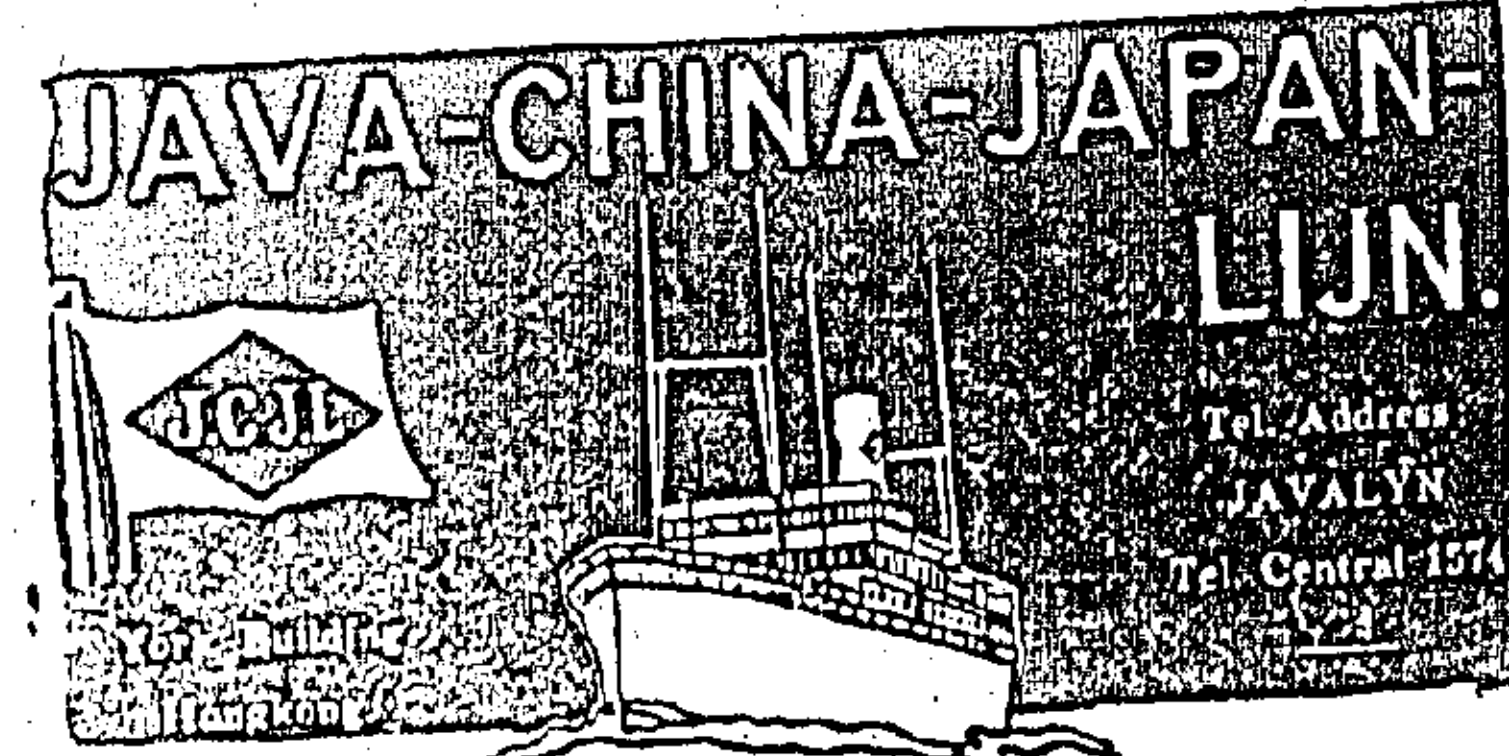
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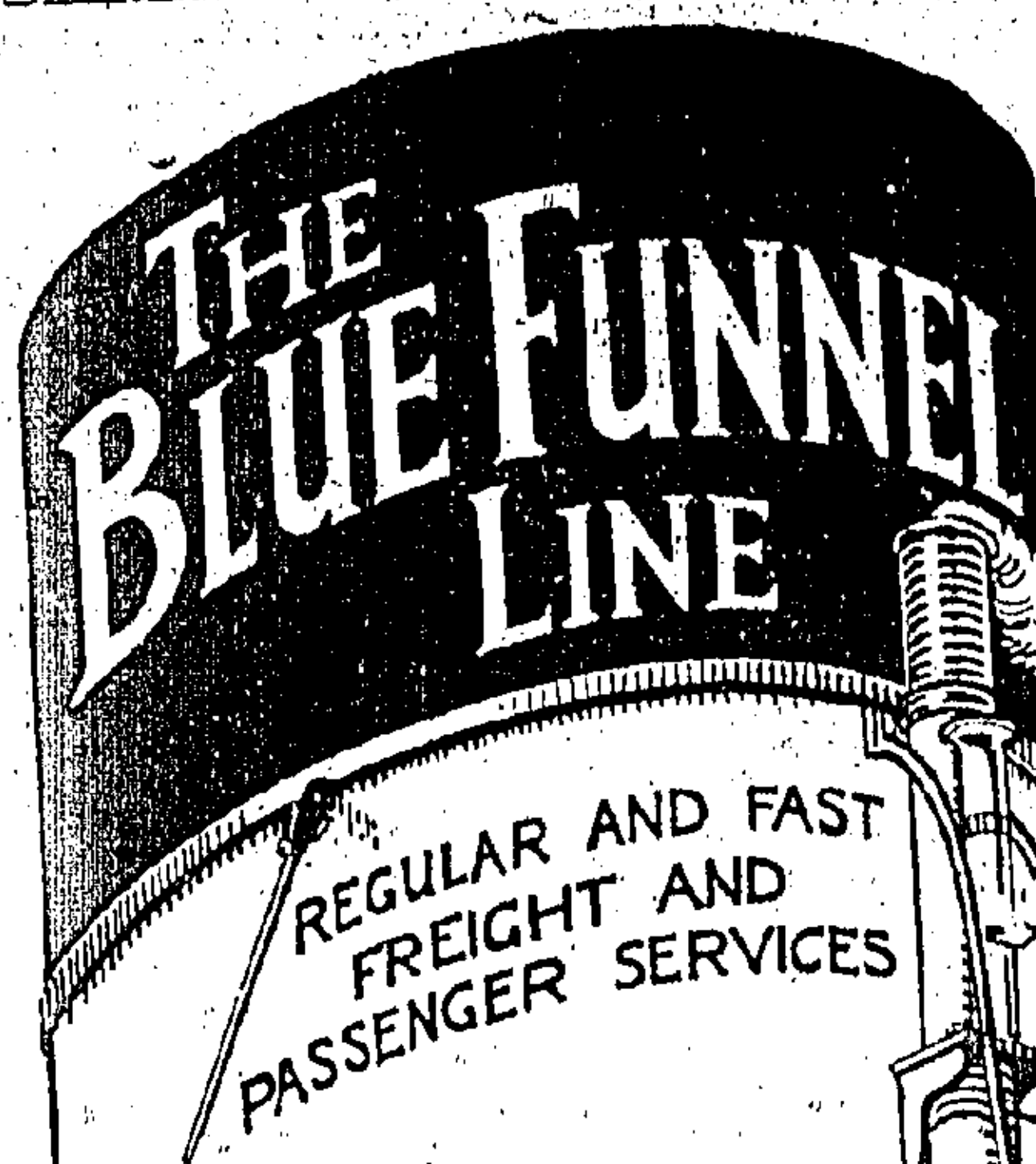
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Tjikarang	Batavia	27th Dec.	29th Dec.	Shanghai
Tjikini	M'kear	28th Dec.	30th Dec.	Japan
Tjilboet	M'kear	31st Dec.	2nd Jan.	Amoy & S'hai
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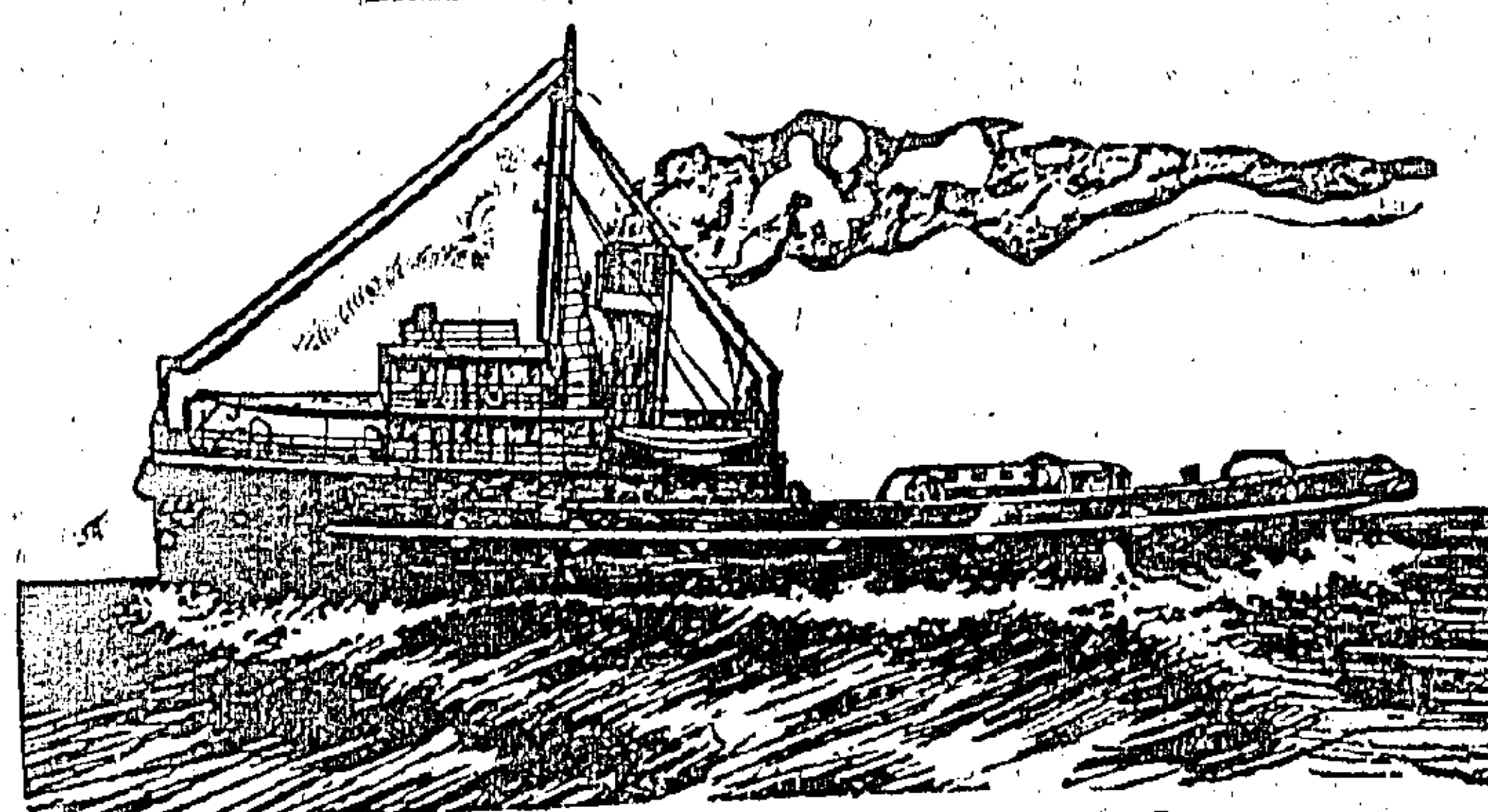
Peking, Dec. 28.
Mandates have been issued appointing Hsu Shih-ying Premier

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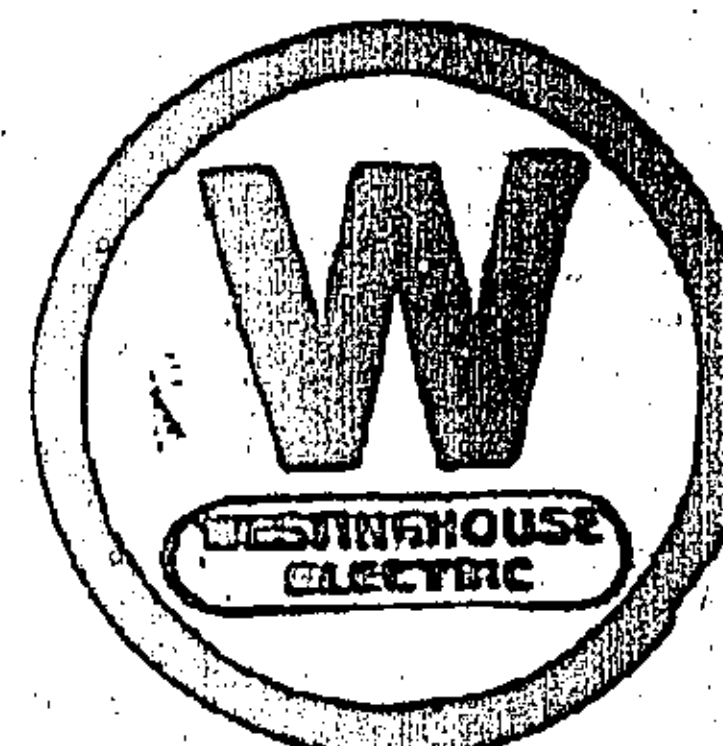
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The parcel post service to Canton is resumed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due.
Straits	Kashima Maru	December 29.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	City of Cairo	December 29.
Shanghai	Chennan	December 29.
Shanghai	Shantung	December 29.
Manila	Pres. Wilson	January 1.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	January 1.
Japan	Kamo Maru	January 1.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	January 3.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and		
Shanghai	Korea Maru	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Hayes	January 4.
Japan	Arakura	January 5.
Shanghai	Amboise	January 5.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shang-		
hai	President Grant	January 7.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shang-		
hai	President Lincoln	January 7.
Australia and Manila	St. Albans	January 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Shanghai	Kwongsang	Tues. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Hainan	New Mathilde	Tues. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai See Ma	Wed. Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Saigon and South Africa	Santos Maru	Wed. Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe		
Siberia (letters and postcards)		
specially superscribed "via Siberia"		
Kashima Maru	Wed. Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.	
Kanchow	Wed. Dec. 30, 9.30 a.m.	
Sandakan	Hinsang	Wed. Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Hopsang	Wed. Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,		
E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe		
via Marseilles	City of Cairo	Wed. Dec. 30.
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 30th Jan. 1926.)		
Shanghai	Kwangtung	Thurs. Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kota Maru	Wed. Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Hobow & Haiphong	Pau Sang	Fri. Dec. 31st, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon and Bangkok	Sekow Maru	
	Thurs. Dec. 31, 12.30 p.m.	
Shanghai	Chennan	Thurs. Dec. 31, 2.30 p.m.

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JAPANESE RIOT.**HEAVY CASUALTIES IN
PITCHED BATTLE.**

Tokyo, Dec. 22.—More than 100
Japanese workmen were killed or
wounded in a bloody battle between
rival labour gangs last night at
Tshurumi, midway between Tokyo
and Yokohama. Fighting lasted
through an entire night of terror,
with police unable to do more than
keep reinforcements from joining
the slaughter.

It is estimated by the police that
at least 1,500 men armed with
rifles, revolvers, swords and clubs
participated in the combat. About
half of them were drunk and the
authorities are inclined to attrib-
ute the tragedy to the fact that
someone had supplied them liber-
ally with intoxicating liquor.

Noise of the battle, the sounds
of constant gun-fire, the cries
of wounded and dying, could be
heard several miles and dawn dis-
closed a scene of indescribable con-
fusion. Several persons caught in
the vicinity were killed or wound-
ed, including a woman carrying a
child, who were both fatally in-
jured.

Five-hundred police from Yokohama with a number of special
gendarmes surrounded the fighters
throughout the night, keeping off
reinforcements. This morning
they rushed the opposing camps
and arrested more than 500 per-
sons.

The authorities are at a loss to
explain how the clash could have
occurred without warning. They
have ordered a careful investiga-
tion of the causes back of the
event, and if it is found that em-
ployers had anything to do with
inciting workmen, drastic action
will be taken.—United Press.

MITCHELL ECHO.**OFFICERS RESIGN
COMMISSIONS.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—After a
24-hour calm, the expected storm
of protest against the Mitchell
decision burst over the heads of
the army administration. Res-
ignation in this house of repre-
sentatives was crystallized in a
bill offered by Senator Laguardia,
of New York, changing the sen-
tence from five years suspension
to 30 days' withdrawal from active
duty.

The commander of the aviation
post at San Jose, California, in-
formed the authorities that Army
Aviators Lieutenants Roberts,
Ryan, Lyman and McMurray
resigned their commissions as a
protest against Colonel Mitchell's
conviction.—United Press.

MUI-TSAI SYSTEM.**DYING HARD IN MALAYA.**

The Federal Council of Malaya
on Dec. 15 sat to pass a number
of Bills, after which it adjourned
for the finance committee.
The Bills passed include the
Domestic Servants Bill, on which
the Hon Mr. Choo Kia-peng stated
that the Chinese Advisory Boards
of Perak and Selangor both ap-
proved of the measure. He wished
to correct the bad impression in
the minds of those ignorant of
the Mui-Tsai system that it was
slavery. He assured the Council
that it was not as bad as that. It
had been devised by Chinese from
time immemorial to meet various
adverse conditions of nature,
without which system millions of
poor girls would not see light.

ANNUAL REPORTS.**REASONS FOR DELAY.**

When the Legislative Council
assembled this morning, the
Acting Colonial Secretary, the
Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, refer-
ring to the papers laid on the
table, explained that the delay
in their being issued was due to
the trouble in the middle of the
year, and he expressed the
Government's regret that the
reports could not be got ready
earlier. The Government print-
ers had been affected by the
strike, and many had not yet
returned. It was necessary to
have the more important work,
such as the Estimates and the
Civil Service Blue Book, taken in
hand, and the delay with other
work was unavoidable.

HONGKONG EDUCATION.**THE CHINESE PROBLEM.**

The annual report of the Direc-
tor of Education has just been
issued. In the introductory survey
Mr. G. N. Orme says:

The numbers and circumstances
of British children in this distant
Colony make it at once feasible and
desirable to provide them all with
an education. In Government
schools as nearly as possible equal
and similar to what they could find
at home, until such age as they are
called on either to go home, or to
seek employment locally. It is
natural that parents should take an
early opportunity of sending, or
better still of taking, their children
to be educated in their own coun-
try; and consequently inevitable
that most of our British children
should be leaving at an early age.
At the end of last year there were
415 British children at school here,
of whom only 101 or 24.3 per cent.,
were over 12 years old. It is true
that an increasing number of Brit-
ish children are finding local em-
ployment direct from school, but it
is a matter for regret that of those
who remain in the Colony, only a
small proportion stay at school
after their services have once be-
come of marketable value. This is
bad for the pupils and discouraging
to the staff.

Other communities for which
separate provision for education
is needed are the Portuguese and
the Indian. The children of the
former usually attend one or other
of the Roman Catholic schools
which are privately managed but
assisted with Government Grants.
The Indian children usually attend
the Indian School at Sookunpo.

Chinese Problem.

The problem of Chinese children
is different. Their numbers are so
large that it is impossible for the
Government to take charge of the
education of all. The principle
adopted is to endeavour to set a
good standard of work in Govern-
ment Schools while giving assis-
tance by grants or subsidies to all
private schools which reach the
required modest standard of effi-
ciency.

Our task then, as regards Govern-
ment Schools, is to obtain an
adequate and qualified staff and a
suitable curriculum; as regards
private schools to give such assis-
tance as we may without unduly
limiting their freedom.

In a Colony like this, where the
demand for education exceeds the
supply, there is a temptation for
teachers and managers to try to
take an excessive number of
pupils. For classes, the maximum
number allowed is 30 in Govern-
ment Schools, 40 in Grant Schools
and 50 in other schools, and it is
hoped that with increased facilities
there will be no further excuse for
exceeding these numbers.

Excessive Numbers.

In schools, as in classes, the
temptation to excessive numbers
exists, but less in private than in
Government Schools, which feel an
obligation to meet public demands
and are not so severely limited by
economic necessities. It is a ques-
tion whether any attempt should be
made to enlarge these beyond the
limit of one man's supervision, and
of mutual interest and sympathy
throughout the school. It must re-
main a matter of opinion what
that number is, whether 1,000, 500
or 250 or less, but I think there is
no doubt that the larger figures
must spell some loss in necessary
attention to the individual pupil.

In Chinese as in British schools
there is a further temptation for
parents, teachers and pupils to
seek a short road to the acquisition
of means of livelihood. This
carries with it two attendant dan-
gers, first that the foundation of
the pupil's life, which can only be
based on an understanding of his
mother tongue, will be deserted too
soon for the more immediately
profitable study of English, and
second, that external results will
be sought in preference to real
mental and moral progress. The
first of these dangers has been
noticed by recent commissions on
native education in Africa and
India, and here in Hongkong we
have less excuse for neglecting, as
we have greater reason for en-
couraging, the initial stage of a
good understanding of their own
language. Here, even more than
in other countries, it is the neces-
sary condition of any good educa-
tion in a foreign tongue.

Another Danger.

The second danger is more con-
siderable, and more elusive. The
final examination passed, the
career safely entered, seem the na-
tural goal of a boy's education, and
parents, teachers, and pupils alike
have accustomed themselves to

WAR OFFICE GIFT.**LAND FOR UNIVERSITY.**

A gift of land at West Point by
the War Office to the Hongkong
Government for the purposes of
University extension was made the
subject of a special resolution of
thanks at this morning's meeting of
the Legislative Council. The
Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr.
A. G. M. Fletcher) moved the fol-
lowing resolution:—

"Resolved that whereas the War
Office has presented to the
Government of Hongkong, for pur-
poses of the University of Hong-
kong, the sites of Fly Point and
Elliott Batteries, this Council
hereby records its deep apprecia-
tion of this generous gift."

Mr. Fletcher explained that these
two sites were just west of the
University and in close proximity
to it. It had long been thought
desirable that the land should be
acquired for the purposes of
University extension and when
Sir John Oakley came to the
Colony in the late summer of 1923
in connection with the Military
Lands Question he was asked to
value these two sites in a supple-
mentary report so that the Govern-
ment could have an idea of the
cost if it considered acquisition
desirable. The land was not re-
quired for the re-provisioning of
the garrison, and Sir John valued
the land at \$75,580. The area was
100,450 square feet at the price of
40 cents per foot. Sir Edward
Stubbs made representations to the
War Office, and now the War Office
had most generously come forward
and made a gift of the land on the
distinct understanding that it was
used for University extension pur-
poses. He begged to move the
resolution of thanks.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock
seconded and on behalf of the
Unofficial Members of the Council
expressed appreciation of the War
Office's generous gift.

The resolution was carried.

Mr. John Andrus, a well-known
financier, has given a donation of
100,000 dols. (\$20,000) for the
maintenance of the City-road
Chapel, London. He made the
announcement at a luncheon at
the Bankers' Club, says a mes-
sage from New York. In the
churchyard of the chapel the body
of John Wesley is buried.

FLAPPER FANNY says

It's never too warm for
cool glances

look no further for evidence of a
successful education. Indeed if
external evidence is needed, the
examination seems the most con-
venient and the fairest to all. It
has recently been observed that
whereas the opinion of a doctor is
readily accepted as a test of health,
the opinion of a teacher carries
little weight as a test of education;
and yet it should form the only
true test. We can only say now
that if the teacher can once deserve
and command the confidence of the
public, this test will be possible
and we shall be near a solution of
the problem.

Revenue and Expenditure.
The only Revenue collected by
this Department comes from school
fees, which amounted in 1924 to
\$121,473.00.

The Expenditure was \$932,
924.65, an increase of \$87,895.87
over the previous year. These
figures do not include Expenditure
on School Buildings or Furniture
which are debited to Public Works.
The chief increases over 1924
were of \$93,000 in Personal Emolu-
ments, due chiefly to increase of
European Staff, of \$14,500 in
Capitation Grants, and of \$16,000
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and Chemistry.

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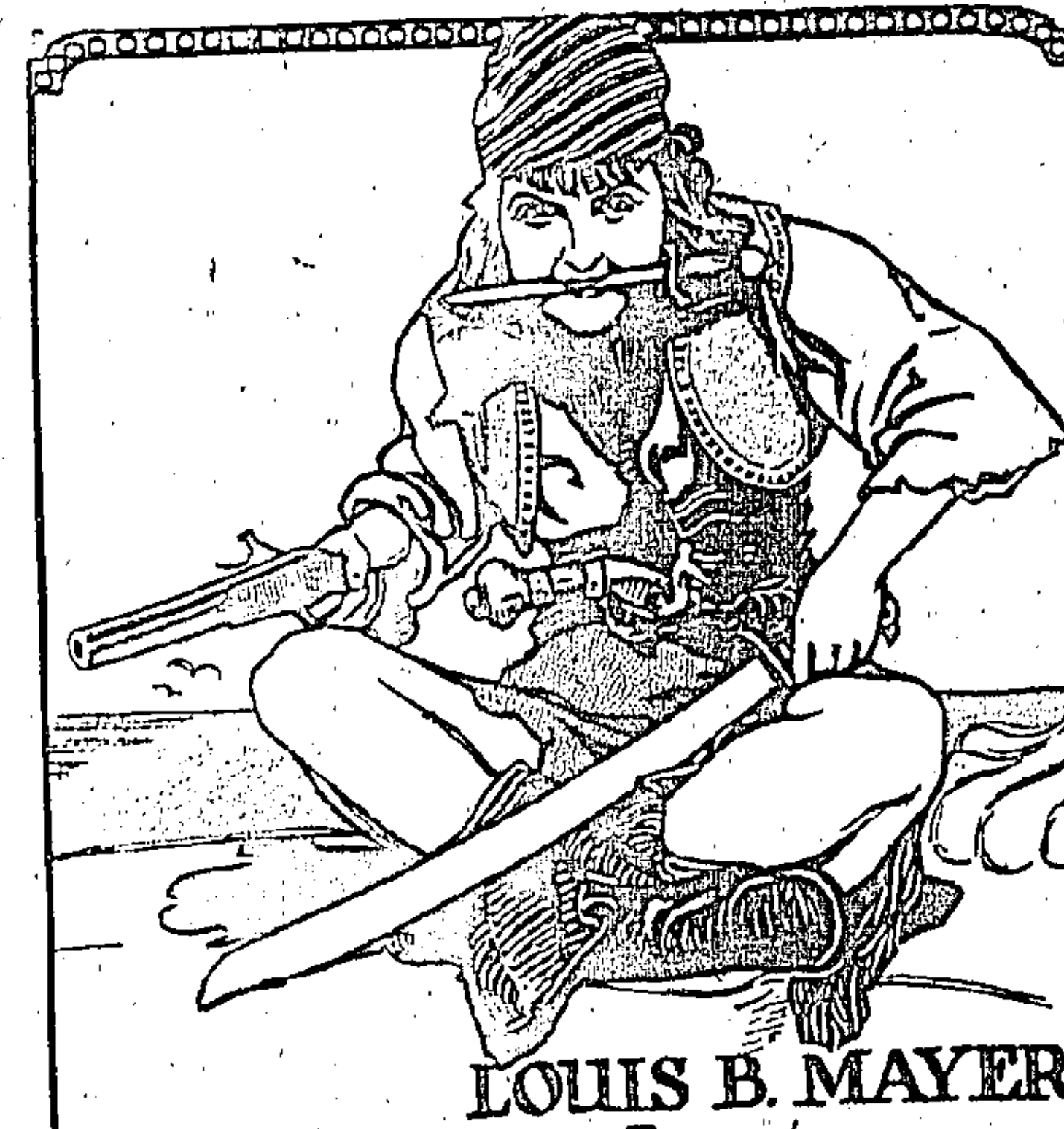
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